

AS OF EARLY MAY 1984. THE ARENA
PARAMILITARY UNIT HEADED BY HECTOR ((REGALADO)), FORMER CHIEF OF
SECURITY FOR D'AUBUISSON, WAS INTACT AND FUNCTIONING. HE SAID
THAT MEMBERS OF REGALADO'S UNIT WERE MAINTAINING SMALL ARMS
PROFICIENCY AT A PRIVATE FIRING RANGE IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM IN SAN
SALVADOR AND CHECKING OUT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THE ARENA MEMBER
CLAIMED THAT REGALADO WAS ARRANGING THE PURCHASE IN THE UNITED
STATES OF APPROXIMATELY 30 INGRAM SUBMACHINE GUNS, IN 9MM AND 45
CALIBRE. REGALADO, ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, PERSONALLY
SOLICITS FUNDS FOR HIS OPERATIONS FROM ARENA SYMPATHIZERS BUT DIVERTS
SOME OF THESE FUNDS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE, A PRACTICE OF WHICH
D'AUBUISSON IS ALLEGED TO BE AWARE. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT
ARTURO ((DUENAS)) REGULARLY SUPPLIES REGALADO AND OTHERS WITH A
VARIETY OF OFFICIAL SALVADORAN DOCUMENTS.

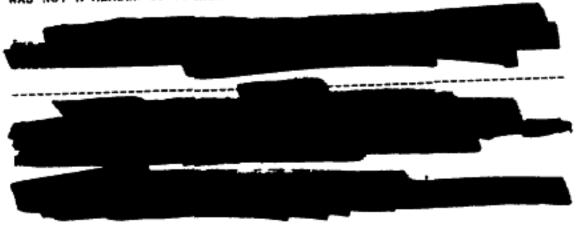
3. THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS IN REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT IS RICARDO ((ROGEL)) WHO HANDLLS "ERNESTO," "LUIS" AND "MARIO," THREE SALVADORANS FORMERLY INVOLVED WITH THE INSURGENTS. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT A REGULAR PARTICIPANT IN REGALADO'S UNIT IS SALVATORI ((VENUTOLO)), WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS YOUNG, BLOND AND FAIR-COMPLEXIONED. WITHOUT ELABORATING FURTHER, THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF REGALADO, AMADEO ((MARTINEZ)) AND JORGE ((EAZBEK)), ARE PROBABLY MEMBERS OF REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT AS WELL. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT PATRICIA ((MARTINO)), WHO WAS RUMORED TO BE REGALADO'S GIRLFRIEND, WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARAMILITARY UNIT WHO DISAPPEARED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AROUND APRIL/MAY 1983.

4- ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, AMONG REGALADO'S CLOSEST COLLABORATORS IN THE SALVADORAN MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES ARE POLICE INSPECTOR ARNOLDO ((LINARES)) AND SALVADORAN ARMY LIEUTENANT DAVID ((KOCH)). THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT LINARES IS A KEY MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE'S (PN) "DEATH SQUAD," THE INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS CENTER (CAIN) WHICH THE ARENA MEMBER CLAIMED TO BE MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN REGALADO'S UNIT. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT KOCH IS A MEMBER OF EITHER THE BELLOSO OR ATLACATL BATTALION OF THE SALVADORAN ARMY. HE ADDED THAT LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARISTIDES ((MARQUEZ)), FORMER PN D-2 WHO WAS ASSIGNED ABROAD IN EARLY 1983, WAS ALSO A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF REGALADO'S UNIT.



THE ARMED FORCES" (ESCALAFON) OF EL SALVADOR, ONE LIEUTENANT DAVID KOCH ARANA, BORN 12 FEBRUARY 1956, ENTERED ON DUTY ON 1 FEBRUARY 1975, WITH DATE OF RANK, 31 DECEMBER 1981. KOCH IS DESIGNATED AS AN "ENGINEER CAREERIST IN THE SALVADORAN HILITARY." NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AGENCIES CONSTANTLY BLAME CAIN FOR KIDNAPS, TORTURES AND KILLINGS OF ACADEMICIANS, STUDENTS AND OTHER CIVILIANS.)

- 5. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT A GUATEMALAN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT IS LUIS ((MENDIZABAL)), OWNER OF BOUTIQUE ENILO ON FIFTH AVENUE IN GUATEMALA CITY. ACCORDING TO THE ARENA MEMBER, MENDIZABAL'S ASSISTANCE TO REGALADO'S OPERATIONS INCLUDES THE PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID THAT ROLANDO ((MATAHU)), A GUATEMALAN PARAMILITARY SPECIALIST, HAS ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGALADO. IN THE GUATEMALAN SECURITY SERVICES. THE ARENA MEMBER SAID ONE OF REGALADO'S CLOSEST SUPPORTERS WAS GENERAL GERMAN ((CHUPINA)) BARAHONA, FORMER POLICE CHIEF UNDER THE LUCAS ADMINISTRATION. THE ARENA MEMBER ADDED THAT (FNU) ((GUIDEL)), ALIAS: "EL GATO," WHO WAS KILLED WHILE IN PRISON, AND A PEDRO ((AREDONDO)) WERE CLOSE REGALADO COLLABORATORS. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO A RIGHTIST WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS TO OFFICIALS OF ARENA AND WHOSE REPORTING IS GENERALLY RELIABLE, MENDIZABAL IS A LONGTIME FRIEND OF REGALADO AND A GUN SUPPLIER FOR ARENA. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGALADO IN THE PAST ON DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES BOTH IN EL SAL VADOR AND GUATEMALA. HE IS MARRIED TO THE SISTER OF LUIS FERNANDO ((PIVERAL)), THE OWNER OF A LARGE FARM CALLED "LA SONRISA" (THE SMILE), A KNOWN HAVEN FOR RIGHTISTS. MENDIZABAL REPORTEDLY ALSO HAS LONGTIME LINKS WITH D'AUBUISSON.)
- 6. THE ARENA MEMBER ALSO NOTED THAT ONE ANIBAL "CHELE" (LNU), A SALVADORAN CIVILIAN, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY BUT WAS NOT A MEMBER OF REGALADO'S PARAMILITARY UNIT.





SUBJECT: ROMERO MURDER CASE

AT MEETING ON 30 JULY 1984, DEBRIEFED

ON HIS BACKGROUND INFO ON THE ROMERO MURDER.

PROVIDED SEVERAL INTERESTING DETAILS,

RE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ROMERO CASE, HE PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFO. ROMERO WAS MURDERED BY EXTREME RIGHTISTS,
ANGRY BECAUSE OF HIS LEFTIST POLITICAL IDEOLOGY AND THE THREAT
HE POSED BY INCITING THE MASSES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.
ACCORDING TO ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WAS INVOLVED IN THE
PLOT, TO WHAT EXTENT HE WAS NOT SURE. HE WAS TOLD OF D'AUBUISSON'S
INVOLVEMENT AND THE RIGHTISTS' COMPLICITY BY AIR FORCE CAPT.
ROBERTO ((LEIVA)) JACOBO. SHORTLY AFTER THE MURDER OF ROMERO
IN DECEMBER 1980, LEIVA TOLD

THAT THE MURDER WEAPON, A .22 CAL RIFLE, WAS SHUGGLED INTO EL SALVADOR FROM MIAMI ABOARD AESA AIRLINES (AEROLINEAS EL SALVADOR, S.A.). LATER, SAW THE MURDER WEAPON AT THE

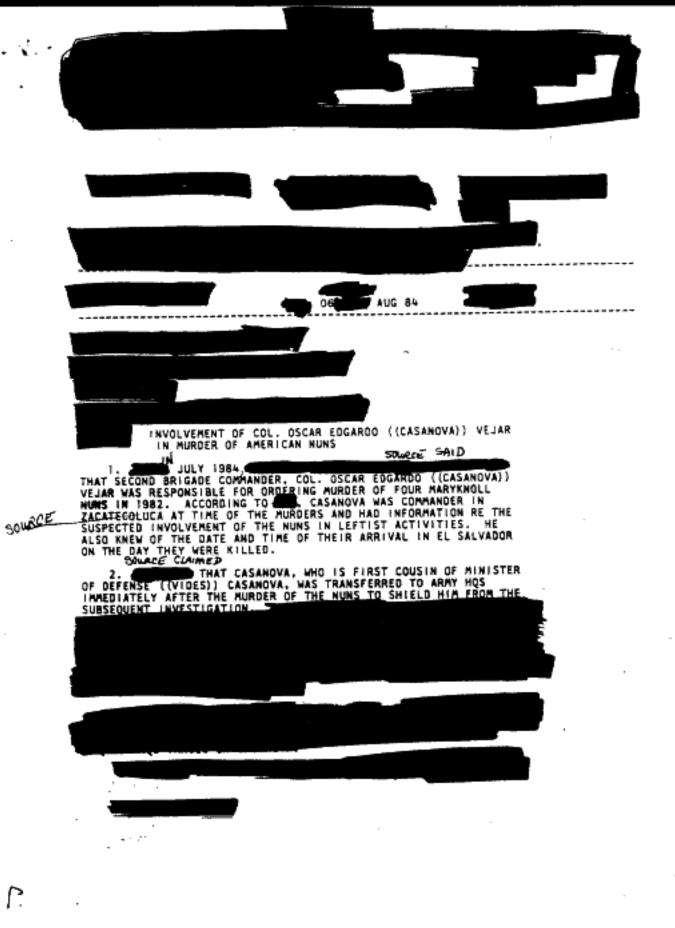
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HOME OF EDUARDO ((CORNEJO)), OWNER OF AESA. CORNEJO GAVE THE WEAPON TO LEIVA WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL IS UNAWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO IT.

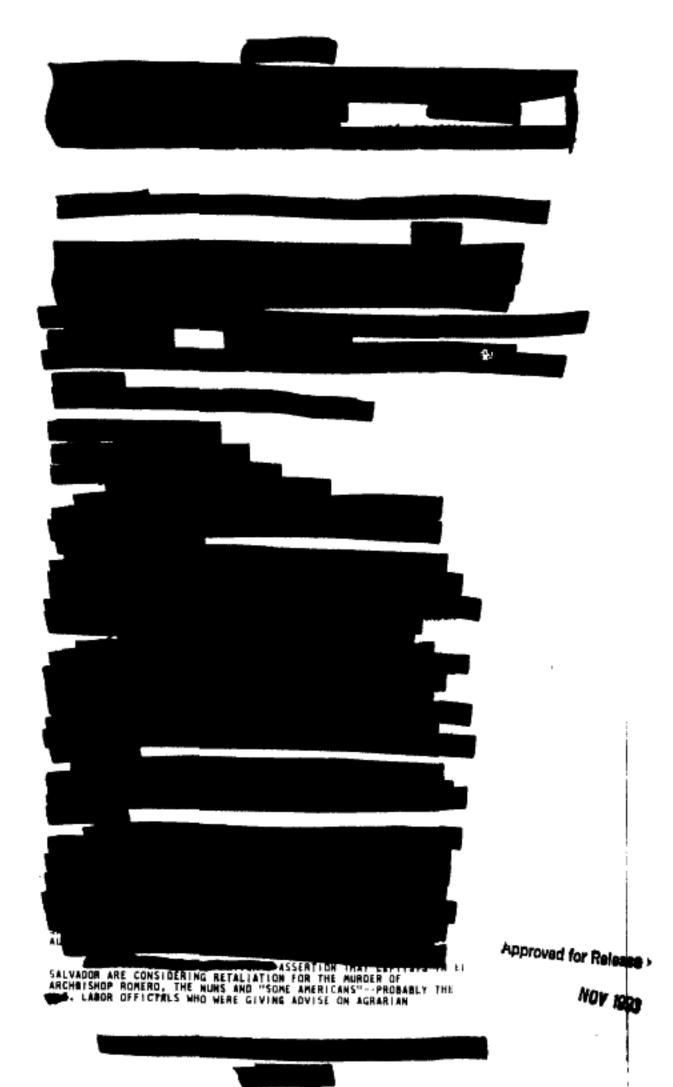
5. LEIVA FURTHER TOLD THAT TWO CUBANS WERE CONTRACTED BY RIGHTISTS TO KILL RONERO. LEIVA POINTED OUT ONE THE CUBANS TO AT PARTY AT THE AIR FORCE OFFICERS CLUB.

6. TOLD THAT BOTH LEIVA AND CORNEJO ARE STILL ACTIVE
IN RIGHTIST ACTIVITIES AND THAT HE WAS ACCESS TO BOTH.



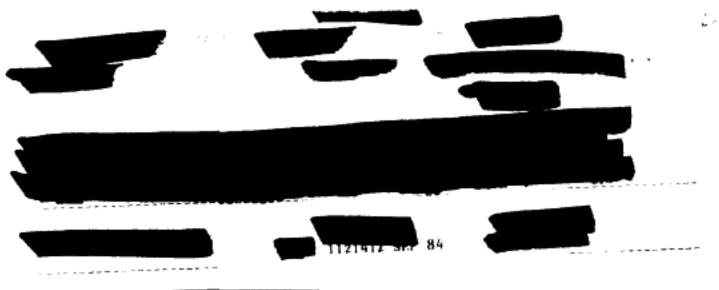
Approved for Release NOV 1993 -- SALVADORAN JISTICE OFFICIALS TOLD US OFFICIALS LAST WEER THAT THEY INTERE TO APPEAL THE ARMESTY OF CRIMINALS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL PROMINENT MANDER CASES INVOLVING US CITIZENS, SUCH CASES INCLUDE THE EILLING OF FOUR MARINE QUARSS IN 1985 AND THE MARIEMOLL MURS IN 1980.

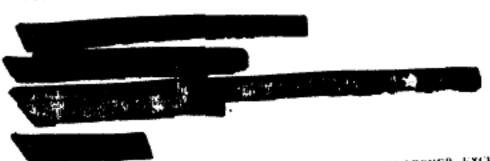




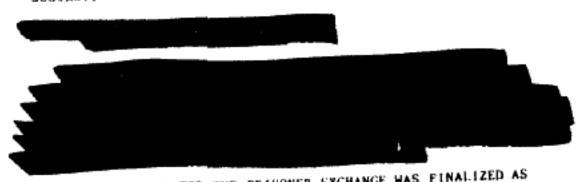








SUGJECT: ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON SALVADORAN PRISONER EXCHANGE



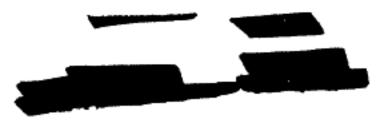
THE DEAL FOR THE PRISONER EXCHANGE WAS FINALIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSIONS (NOT JUST CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS FIRST REPORTED) OF FMLN COMPONENT PARTIES WILL BE SWAPPED FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICERS. A MAJOR HOLD UP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OCCURED WHEN THE FMLN INITIALLY REFUSED TO RELEASE MAJOR CARLOS NAPOLEON ((MEDINA)) GARAY BECAUSE OF HIS KEY ROLE IN THE "SLAUGHTER AT LAS HOIAS." ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ((BLANDON)) SENT WORD THAT, BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM FAR RIGHTISTS IN THE MILITARY, THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES, ESPECIALLY FROM MEDINA'S CLOSE FRIEND ARENA HEAD ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), HEDINA'S RELEASE WAS A "SINE QUA NON" FOR THE DEAL. SO THE FMLN ACQUIESCED, RATIONALIZING THAT THEY WERE RETURNING MEDINA (LITERALLY) WITHOUT TESTICLES.

B. 15 FMLN WOUNDED WILL BE GIVEN SAFE-PASSAGE THROUGH

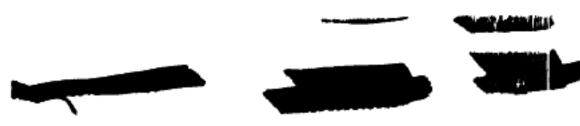


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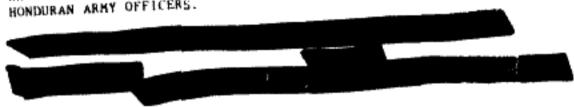
THE SAN SALVADOR AIRPORT TO MEXICO FOR LACH ADDITIONAL SALVA DORAN ARMY OFFICER RELEASED BY THE ENIN. THUS, 60 HOUNDED WITE BE SENT ABROAD FOR TREATMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR ANOTHER TORK ARMY OFFICERS, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF THE ARMY OFFICERS TO BE RELEASED TO EIGHT.

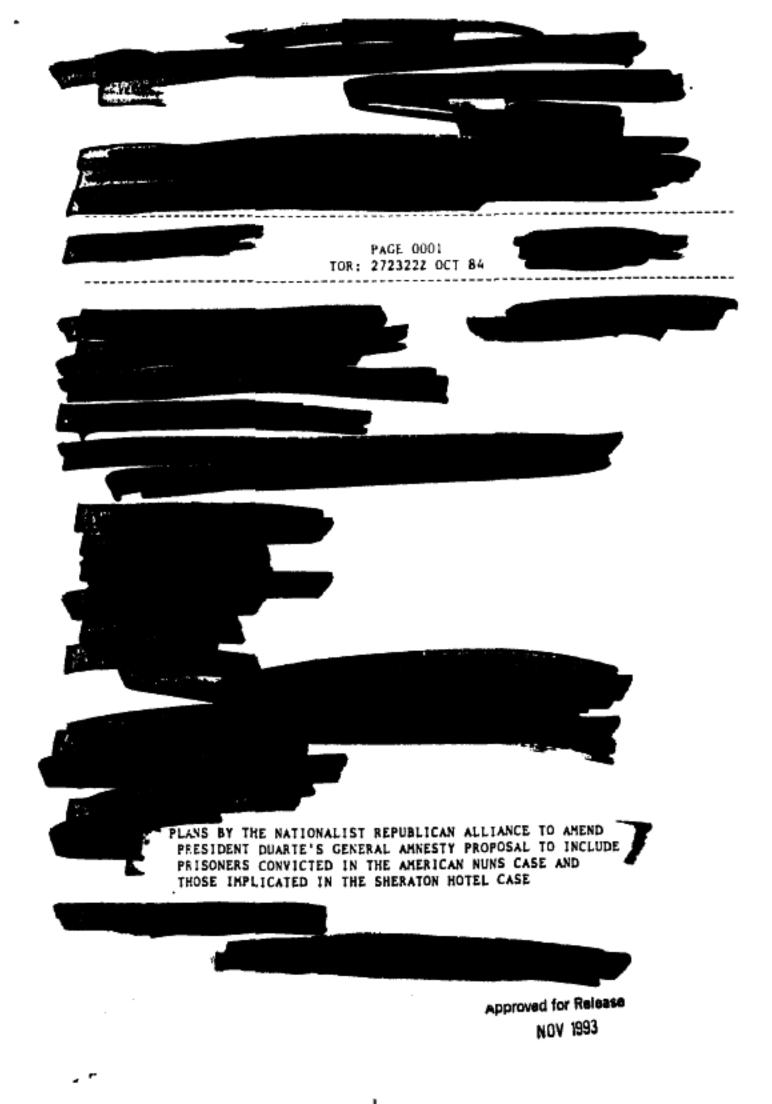
- C. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RED CROSS. THE MOUNDED WILL BE RELEASED IN GROUPS OF 15, EVERY FIVE DAYS. THE FIRST GROUP WERE FLOWN TO MEXICO ON 26 AUGUST. SOURCE ASSUMES THAT THE SECOND AND THIRD GROUPS HAVE, BY NOW, ARRIVED IN MEXICO. THE REMAINING 30 WILL BE RELEASED IN TWO GROUPS DEFING THE SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. 40 OF THE TOTAL WILL BE FLOWN FROM MEXICO TO SWEDEN, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, YUGOSLAVIA AND FRANCE FOR TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS THERE. TEN WILL BE FLOWN TO SAN LOSE FOR TREATMENT IN COSTA RICA.
  - D. AFTER THE FIRST TWO GROUPS OF WOUNDED REACH MEXICO, THE 4-FOR 4 PRISONER SWAP WILL BE EFFECTED. THE FOUR FHLN OFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT SAN JOSE ON 8 SEPTEMBER EN ROUTE TO STOCKHOLM. (TO ALLOW THE POPULAR SOCIAL CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (MPSC) A CHANCE TO MAKE SOME POLITICAL HAY, A MEETING OF THE ENTIRE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MPSC WILL BE HELD IN SAN JOSE 7-10 SEPT, AND SEVERAL WILL GREET THE FOUR RELEASED FHLN OFFICIALS.) UNDER THE RULES OF THE GENEVA CON VENTION BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT NONE OF THE RELEASED WILL RETURN TO COMBAT ZONES.
  - E. WHEN THE EXCHANGE IS COMPLETED, ON THE SAME DAY SALVADORAN ARMY OFFICERS AND FMEN OFFICIALS WILL "ANSWER (PLANTED) QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS" ABOUT THE SWAP. NEITHER SIDE WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCES CLAIMING CREDIT. THIS IS A CONDITION IMPOSED BY BLANDON WHO SEEKS TO MINIMIZE THE BLOW-BACK FROM THE SALVADORAN FAR RIGHT, WHICH, BLANDON TOLD (OR CONVEYED TO) THE FMEN, PRESIDENT NAPOLEON (COURTE)) FEARS AND, FOR THAT REASON, DUARTE WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO APPROVE THE EXCHANGE. AS PART OF THE PRIORITY FMEN CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT DUARTE AND ANIMATE "NATIONALIST" (READ "NON PROUS GOVERNMENT") MILITARY OFFICERS, FMEN RESPONSES TO THE PRESS WILL STRESS DUARTE'S OBDURACY AND THE MILITARY'S ENLIGHTENMENT IN THIS MATTER.
    - 2. THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE HANDLED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF ARCHBISHOP ARTURO ((RIVERA Y DAMAS)). AS REPORTED IN MAY FROM SAME SOURCE, A MAIN TENET IN FMLM/FDR DIPLOMACY IS TO USE THE CHURCH AS AN INTERMEDIARY TOWARD ACHIEVING DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH THE GOES. THE ARCHBISHOP ACCEPTED ON THE CONDITION THAT THE FMLN



"HUMANIZE THE WAR;" THUS, THE FMEN RELEASED EX DEFENSE STREET (ODEL CASTILLO)) AND, WHILE NEGOTIATING THE CASTILLO'S LOCALIST AND AS THE FMEN HOPED, DIRECT SECRET CONTACTS WERE SPACETOR BETWEEN FMEN OFFICIALS AND BLANDON REPRESENTATIVES. THE CONTACTS WERE DISCREETLY ENCOURAGED AND MONITORED BY A LICE MAJORS AND JUNIOR COLONELS OF THE ARMY "PLANA MAYOR" WHO SET NOT FMEN PENETRATIONS "PER SE," BUT WHOSE COMMITMENT TO SUSTAIN REGULAR CONTACTS WITH THE FMEN. FROM WHAT SOURCE SAID, IN OUR PARLANCE DUES HOULD PROBABLY BE CALLED "AGENTS OF INFLHENCE."

- 3. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THE SALVADORAN TEMY NEGOTIATORS SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT INFORM THE US GOVERNOOD! OF SUBJECT EXCHANGE BUT FMUN OFFICIALS ASSUME THAT SAN NATIVALED IS TOO SMALL AND THE USG PRESENCE TOO PERVASIVE FOR THE OFFICIAL TO HAVE GONE UNREPORTED TO THE USG. THUS, THE FMUN INTEREST THE USG CONDONES SUCH EXCHANGES/CONTACTS.
- 4. THE FMLN PLANS TO CONTINUE SUCH EXCHANGES TO IN DRIVER OF IMPORTANCE—"MAINTAIN AND INCREASE SECRET, DIRECT CONTACTS.
  WITH THE SALVADORAN MILITARY: IMPROVE THE FMLN IMAGE: RESERVE PRISONERS. FOR THAT REASON THE FMLN IS HOLDING BACK CAPTURED.
  WHO INCLUDE AT LEAST SIX SALVADORAN ARMY OFFICERS AND IMPORTUNITY HONDURAN ARMY OFFICERS.





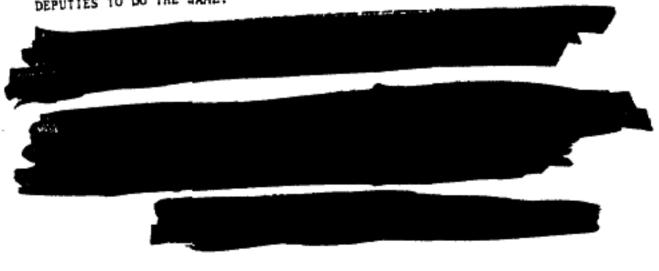
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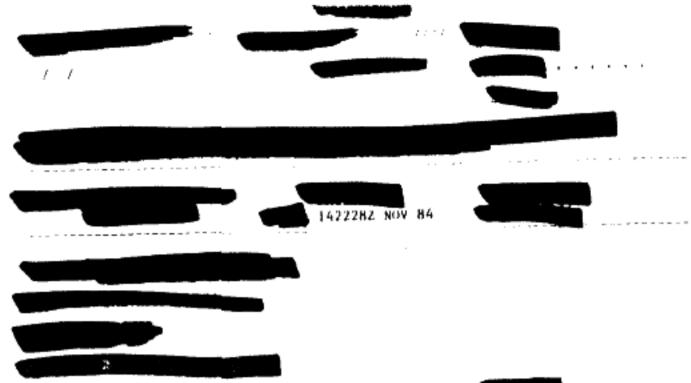
NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) TOLD A FELLOW ARENA
MEMBER THAT IF PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) FOLLOWS THROUGH
WITH HIS PROPOSAL FOR A GENERAL AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS.

THAT ARENA WOULD AMEND THE PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AMNESTY FOR THE
NATIONAL GUARDSMEN CONVICTED OF MURDERING FOUR AMERICAN NUNS
AND THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN IMPLICATED IN THE MURDERS OF A
SALVADORAN LABOR LEADER AND TWO AMERICAN LABOR ADVISORS AT THE
SHERATON HOTEL.

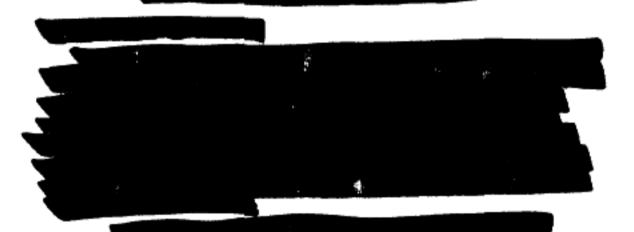
FID THAT BOTH OF THESE CRIMES WERE
CONSIDERATION FOR AMNESTY AS DO CRIMES OF SUBVERSION,
TERRORISM, KIDNAPPING AND MURDER PERPETRATED BY LEFTIST
INSURGENTS.

WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT A GENERAL AMNESTY SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY LEFTIST INSURGENTS, WHO THEY SAY HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DESTRUCTION AND MISERY IN THE COUNTRY, BUT ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS, INCLUDING SALVADORAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. FIF THIS PROVISION WAS NOT INCLUDED IN DUARTE'S PROPOSAL. THE ARENA FACTION WOULD VOTE AS A BLOC TO DISAPPROVE THE AMNESTY AND WOULD ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE OTHER CONSERVATIVE DEPUTIES TO DO THE SAME.





SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON ALLEGED THREAT TO REY PRENDES



HAJOR IVAN ((REYNALDO)) CURRENTLY ON ASSIGNMENT TO DIAZ, GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE IN PARAGUAY; COL. ELMER ((GONZALEZ)) ARAUJO, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF AND FORMERLY COMMANDER OF SONSONATE MILITARY DETACHMENT: AND CAPTAIN ((MORALES)) FIGUEIROA, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO ESAF MAESTRANZA (GENERAL SUPPORT DEPOT) WERE PLANNING TO KILL REY PRENDES. THE , WOULD BE MOTIVE FOR SUCH A PLOT, ACCORDING TO

TO PUT PRESSURE ON TO DROP THE INVESTIGATION OF THE

"CASO DE LAS HOJAS". THIS WAS A MASSACRE OF A NUMBER OF SALVADORAN INDIANS IN THE SONSONATE MILITARY DETACHMENT AREA

OF OPERATIONS WHILE COL GONZALES ARAULO WAS SONSONATE COMMANDER.

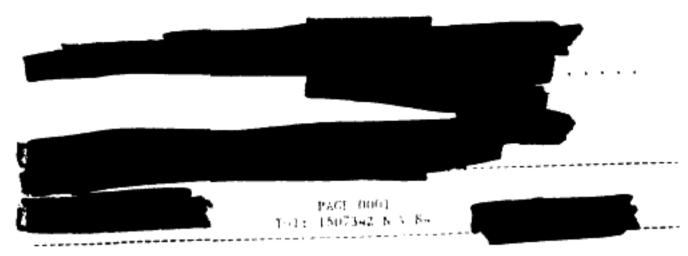
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SUBJECT: TRACE RESPONSE - COLONEL JOSE ADOLFO ((MEDRANO))

AND REPORTS ON COLONEL JOSE ADOLFO

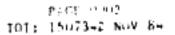
A. MEDRANO CARRIED OUT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MISCONDUCT OR DERELICTION OF DUTIES OF MAJOR (NOW LT. COLONEL) MARIO DENIS ((MORAN)) ECHEVERRIA IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE HOTEL SHERATON ON 3 JANUARY 1981. HEDRANO, A VERY THOROUGH AND CAREFUL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, WAS THE NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER WHO LED THE INVESTIGATORY WORKING GROUPS WHICH BROKE THE CHURCHWOMEN AND SHERATON MURDER CASES. HE SHOWED TREMENDOUS COURAGE IN BOTH INVESTIGATIONS, RISKING HIS CAREER, HIS SECURITY, AND EVEN THE LIVES OF THIS FAMILY IN CONDUCTING A SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF THESE MURDERS. HE CONTINUED TO ASSIST IN THE TWO CASES, EVEN AFTER HE COMPLETED HIS INVESTIGATION AND TURNED THE CASES OVER

MAY HAVE BEEN NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE WHILE CONDUCTING THESE TWO INVESTIGATIONS. (DOI: 06 AUG 84 AND 26 FEB 83)

DURING A CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF ON 22 OCT 1982, MEDRANO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FIVE ANONYMOUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS; ALL CALLS MADE TO HIS OFFICE AT NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS. CALLS WERE THE SAME: "IF LOPES SIBRIAN GOES TO JAIL, THEN YOU AND SOME

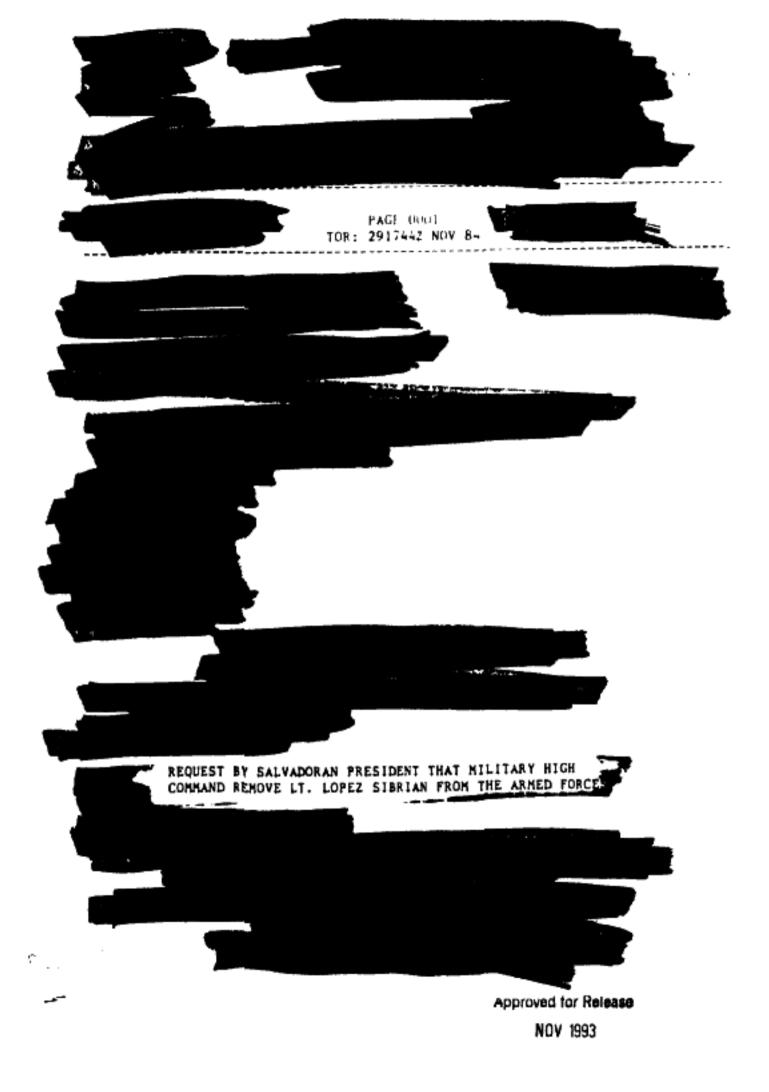


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AMPRICANS WILL DIE. MEDRANG REPORTED THESE CALLS TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON MEDRANG. (DOI: 25 OCT 82)





WITH MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY HIGH COMMINION TO THE LITTURE SERVAL OF LT. MODELFO ISIDEO (CLOPEC)) SIFFIAN TO ME THE SALVADORAN AS MED FORCES. COMMENT: LOPEZ SIFFIAN WAS ACCUSED OF DISECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE JANUARY 1981 MURDER OF TWO U.S. CITIZENS AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR. THE SALVADORAN SUPREME COURT ABSOLVED HIM OF THIS CHARGE IN MID-NOVEMBER 1984.) PRESENT AT THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED FOR TWO HOURS, WERE DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA, VICE-MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL RAFAEL ((FLORES)) LIMA, VICE-MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR PUBLIC SECURITY COLONEL CARLOS REYNALDO ((LOPEZ)) NUILA, AND CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF COLONEL ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLANDON)).

- GROUP THAT HE HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM THE U.S.
  GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO OFFSET THE SUPREME COURT'S
  DECISION TO FREE LOPEZ SIBRIAN.

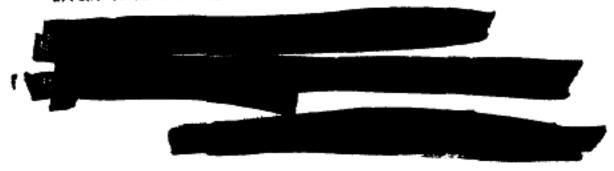
  ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LEGALLY, HE COULD B. NOTHING, BD: BELIEVED THAT
  HE COULD ELIMINATE SOME OF THE STRONG CRITICISM AND POTENTIAL LOSS
  OF MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR FROM THE U.S. IF SOME ACTION, SUCH
  AS REMOVAL OF LOPEZ SIBRIAN FROM THE ARMED FORCES, WERE TAKEN.
- APPRECIATED THE DIFFICULT POSITION IN WHICH THE LOPEZ SIBRIAN CASE HAS PUT THE PRESIDENT, BUT THEY TOLD DUARTE THAT THEY COULD NOT REMOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN FROM THE ARMED FORCES AFTER HE HAD BEEN FOUND INNOCENT BY THE SUPREME COURT. THEY TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT

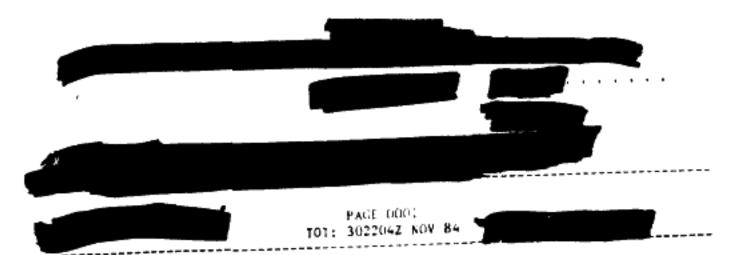
SUCH AN ACTION WOULD CREATE A VERY NEGATIVE REACTION IN THE OFFICER CORPS. ESPECIALLY AT THE CAPTAIN AND MAJOR LEVELS.

THE HIGH COMMAND FINALLY AGREED TO SEEK A WAY TO HOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN OUT OF THE COUNTRY, TO A MILITARY POSTING AS AN ATTACHE, OR TO A FOREIGN MILITARY SCHOOL FOR AN EXTENDED COURSE.

((BUSTILLO)) LEARNED OF THIS DECISION

AND BECAME EXTREMELY ANGRY. BUSTILLO SAID THAT MOVING LOPEZ
SIBRIAN OUT OF THE COUNTRY WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND WOULD HAVE A VERY
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF THE OFFICER CORPS. BUSTILLO
SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE IN AN
EFFORT TO REVERSE THE DECISION.)





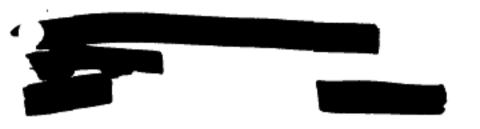
LT. LOPEZ SIBRIAN

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING INFORMATION CONCERNING LT. RODOLFO ((LOPEZ)) SIBRIAN'S STATUS WITH THE SALVADORAN

ARMED FORCES.

THE HIGH COMMAND OFFICERS TOLD

(JOSE
NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) THAT THEY COULD NOT REMOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN
FROM THE ARMED FORCES AFTER HE HAD BEEN FOUND INNOCENT BY THE
SUPREME COURT. THE COMMANDERS' HOWEVER, SAID THAT THEY WOULD
SEEK TO REMOVE LOPEZ SIBRIAN FROM THE COUNTRY, POSSIBLY
ASSIGNING HIM AS A MILITARY ATTACHE SOMEWHERE. PER "WASHINGTON
POST" ARTICLE (DATED 29 NOVEMBER, SAN SALVADOR), HOWEVER,
SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT IN A MEETING WITH
HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS YESTERDAY (28 NOV.), DUARTE WON THE
OFFICERS' APPROVAL TO DISMISS LOPEZ SIBRIAN. NEEDLESS TO SAY,
THERE IS SOME CONFUSION
OUT OF THE MILITARY?

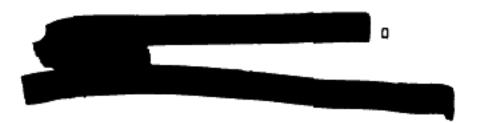


SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONNECTION BETWEEN FORMER FON OFFICIAL AND ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON/LY

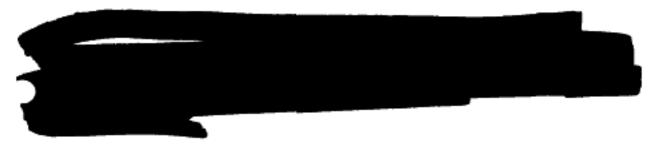
- 1. TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST FEATURE ARTICLES ON A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AND INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY FORMER ANSESAL CHIEF ROBERTO SANTIVANEZ. ACCORDING TO SANTIVANEZ. FORMER FDN OFFICIAL RICARDO LAW RECEIVED #120.000 PR ARRANGING THE DEATH SQUAD EXECUTION OF ARCHBISHOP OFFIC ARNULFO ROMERO IN 1980 AND WAS WORKING DIRECTLY FOR ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON AT THAT TIME. SANTIVANEZ ADDED THAT COLONEL LAW WAS SENT TO WORK IN GUATEMALA, TRAINING DEATH SQUAD KILLERS AND ADVISED D'AUBUISSON DIRECTLY ON HOW TO CARRY OUT D'EATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES.Y
- 2. RESPONDING TO INTENSE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
  ALLEGED HONDURAN/FON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE HAS
  ALREADY EXAMINED THE POSSIBILITY OF A LINK BETWEEN RICARDO LAU
  AND D'AUBUISSON AND HAS FOUND NO CONNECTION. IN ORDER TO BE

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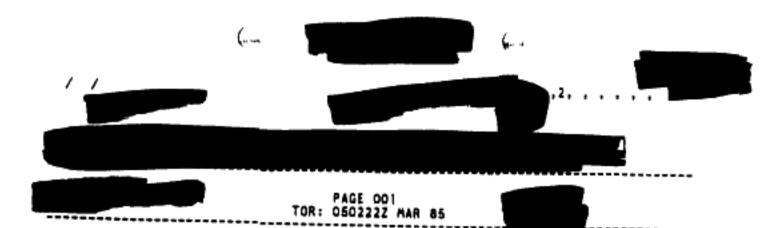
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RE A POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN LAU AND D'AUBUISSON. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS MAY PROVIDE ON THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOH/FON AND SALVADORAN/GUATEMALAN RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS.4







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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE CHINO LAU

I. THERE IS MO CONFIRMED INFORMATION ON CHINO LAU'S
ACTIVITES IN HONDURAS. DURING THE NICARAGUAN INSURRECTION
LAU WAS THE COMMANDER ON A NICARAGUAN MATIONAL GUARD DETACHMENT
LOCATED IN THE STEEPLE OF A CHURCH. THE UNIT WAS FIRED ON
BY INSURGENTS AND RETURNED FIRE KILLING SOME OF THI SANDINISTA
INSURGENTS. LAU WAS VERY EFFECTIVE IN HONDURAS AS THE CHIEF
OF THE FON CI SECTION. BECAUSE OF THE FSLN ALLEGATIONS AGAINST
LAU BASED ON THE ABOVE INCIDENT AND BECAUSE OF THE ATTEMPT
TO BRING ABOUT UNITY WITH
WAS REMOVED FROM HIS FON POSITION.
PLACED LAU IN THE HONDURAN ARMY CI SOME PROPERTY OF THEN
DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE SAMDINISTA
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT LAU DEPARTED
HONDURAS A NUMBER OF MONTHS AGO. BELIEVE HE NOW RESIDES IN GUATEMALA.

MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS WITH THE LICENTE SANCHEZ, THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ADVISED BY LAU HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO MUNDURAN LEFTISTS IN 1981. SANCHEZ ALSO ALLEDGED THAT LAU WAS A HITMAN SUPPORT HIS ALLEGATIONS. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION BY HONDURAN AUTHORITIES SHOWED THAT LAU WAS NOT IN HONDURAS AT THE TIME OF THE DISAPPEARANCES AND THEY COULD NOT VERIFY THAT LAU HAD CARRIED OUT ANYTHING BUT LEGITIMATE CI WORK HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF MISCONDUCT BY LAU. THERE ARE ONLY VAGUE RUMORS.

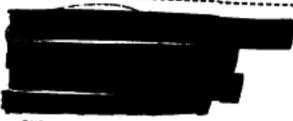
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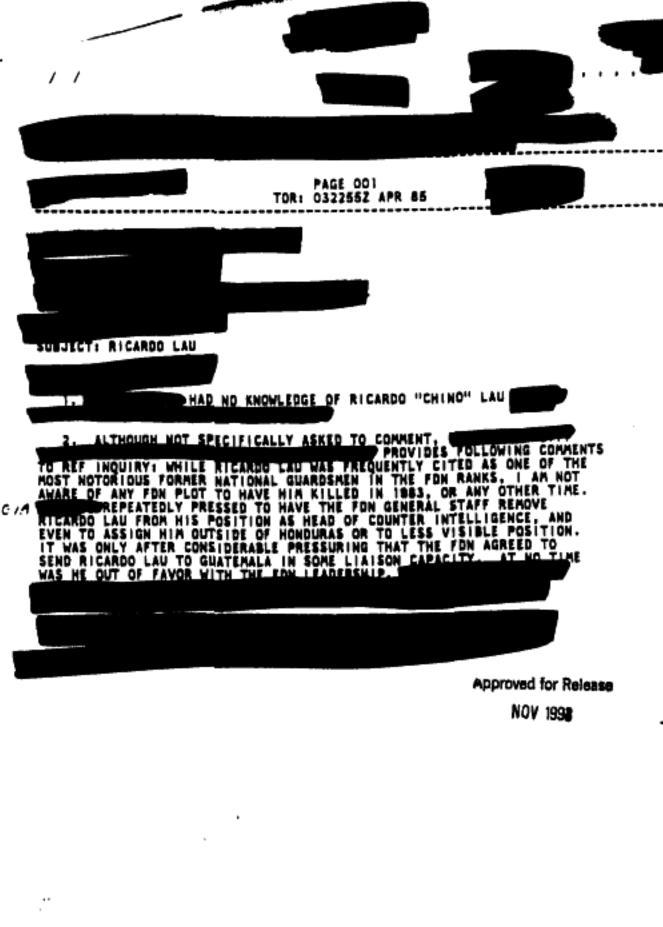


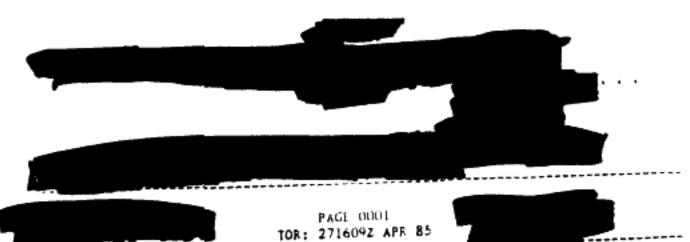
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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONNECTION BETWEEN FORMER FON OFFICIAL AND ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON

POSSIBILITY OF LINK BETWEEN RICARDO ((LAU)) AND DAMESTON. HE KNEW OF NO SUCH CONNECTION AND IN FACT HAD NEVER MEARD OF LAU. NOR DID HE HAVE ANY INFORMATION OF THE MORE GENERAL SUBJECT OF LINKS BETWEEN ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOM/FDN AND SALVADORAN/GUATEMALAN RIGHT-WING EXTREMEISTS. WE HAVE TASKED HIM TO BE ALERT IN THE FUTURE FOR INFORMATION ON THESE SUBJECTS AND WILL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY IF HE COMES UP WITH ANY INFO.

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SUBJECT: VICTOR MANUEL ((SANTOS)) MARINEZ

EMBASS 1. LEGAL OFFICER (L/U) ADVISED THAT HE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH VICTOR MANUEL ((SANTOS)) HARTINEZ, FORMER HACIENDA POLICE DETECTIVE WHO IS PROVIDING INFORMATION

ON THE SHERATON MURDER CASE

SANTOS PROVIDED L/O

WITH DETAILED INFO ON SHERATON MURDER PLOT

IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS VALIDITY OF THIS INFO AS WELL AS

SANTOS HIMSELF.

TRACES ON SANTOS REVEAL THAT HE WAS

AS BEING INVOLVED WITH

RIGHT WING EXTREMISTS. SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED US WITH

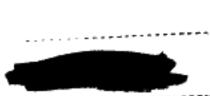
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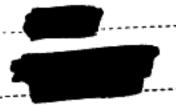
2. SANTOS ENTERED HACIENDA POLICE IN 1972 AND WORKED IN SPECIAL SECTION ON POLITICAL MATTERS UNDER COMMAND OF MAJOR JOSE ALBERTO ((ALVAREZ)) GODINEZ. ALVAREZ WAS FRIENDLY WITH HEMBERS OF SEVERAL LEADING FAMILIES INCLUDING DAGLIO, QUINONEZ, MEZA AYAU, MOLINS, GONZALEZ AND MUYSCHONDT. HE FREQUENTLY ASSIGNED SANTOS TO PERFORM INVESTIGATIVE WORK FOR THE BUSINESSES BELONGING TO THESE FAMILIES. IN 1979 SANTOS WAS DISMISSED FROM THE HACIENDA POLICE FOR UNSPECIFIED INFRACTIONS HE COMMITTED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY. SANTOS THEN WORKED AS CHIEF OF SECURITY FOR A GROUP OF ENGINEERS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION PROPERTY. HE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO CARLOS ((PINEDA)), A WEALTHY CIVIL ENGINEER. WHILE SANTOS WORKED FOR PINEDA, PINEDA'S SON WAS KIDNAPPED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BOTH PINEDA AND SON DEPARTED EL SALVADOR AND SANTOS WAS FORCED TO LOOK



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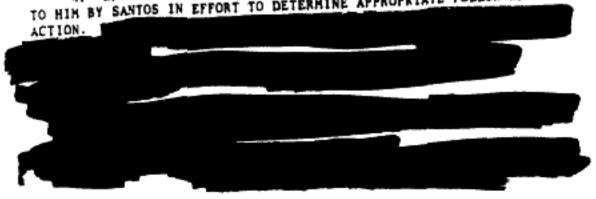
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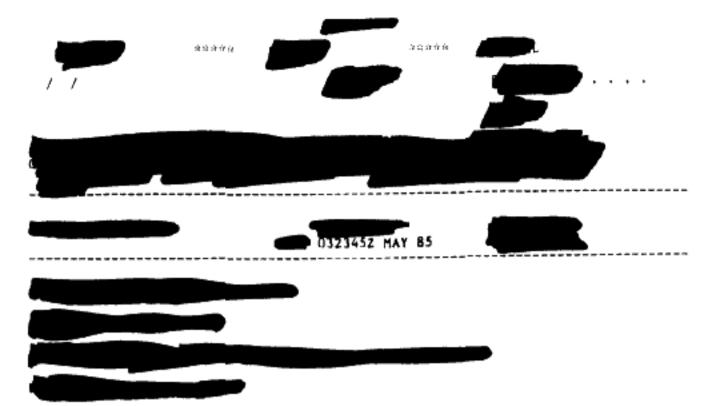


SIS WIFE AS SECURITY CHIEF FOR MARIO CURAUNOS, OWNER AND MANAGER " MEDICAL LAB AND PHARMACY. AFTER SIX MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH BACK. SANTOS OUTT AND VOLUNTEERED FOR TRAINING WITH THE CIVIL DEFENSE AS A LOCAL COMMANDER. IN 1980, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF A CIVIL DEFENSE UNIT IN CUSCATANCINGO, NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR, WHERE HE SERVED FOR OVER ONE YEAR. DURING HIS TENURE AS CIVIL DEFENSE COMMANDER, SANTOS WAS SUSPECTED OF MURDERING SEVERAL PERSONS LIVING IN CUSCATANCINGO. IN 1981, HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD AND JAILED FOR THREE MONTHS ON CHARGES OF MURDERING A STUDENT. SANTOS WAS LATER RELEASED FOR LACK OF WITNESSES OR EVIDENCE. SANTOS WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE TOWN OF ELPAISNAL IN SAN SALVADOR DEPARTMENT WHERE HE SERVED AS LOCAL COMMANDER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR. DURING LATTER PART OF 1981 AND 1982, SANTOS WAS FREQUENTLY SEEN WITH SEVERAL ARMED HEN UNDER HIS COMMAND VISITING PROMINENT CITIZENS IN SAN SALVADOR ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIGHT WING, INCLUDING JOSE ALBERTO ((GONZALES)) GINER, JOSE LUIS ((MOLINS)) RUBIO, MARIO ((RAUN)) AND ARTURO ((MUYSCHONDT)). IN 1983, SANTOS WAS TRANSFERRED TO VERAPAZ IN SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE DESERTED AFTER ALLEGEDLY STEALING 10,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR DIFFERENT CALIBRE WEAPONS. ACCORDING TO GONZALEZ GINER, SANTOS SOLD THE AMMUNITION TO HIM AND GONZALEZ GINER TURNED ALL OF THE AMMUNITION OVER TO ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF AFTER THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN LEADING TO HIM. GONZALEZ GINER WAS NOT ARRESTED, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE HE WAS SON-IN-LAW OF JOSE FRANCISCO ((GUERRERO)), AT THAT TIME MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY FOR PRESIDENT ALVARO ((MAGANA)). IN HID-1984, SANTOS TURNED HIMSELF IN TO THE POLICE AND WAS JAILED FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE BEING RELEASED FREE OF CHARGES. HE WAS DENIED PERSHISSION TO RE-ENTER THE CIVIL DEFENSE.

3. BOTH SANTOS' FIRST AND SECOND WIVES ABANDONED HIM DUE TO SANTOS' ALCOHOLISM. AT THE END OF 1984, SANTOS WAS ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN A DRUNKEN BRAWL AT A FUNERAL HOME. HE WAS JAILED FOR TWO MONTHS AND RELEASED. HE NOW REPORTEDLY ATTENDS "ALCOHOLICS ANONYHOUS." RECENTLY, SANTOS WAS HEARD BRAGGING THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY U.S. EMBASSY AND SERVED AS BODYGUARD FOR U.S. AMBASSADOR.

4. L/O IS REVIEWING THIS INFO ALONG WITH INFO PROVIDED TO HIM BY SANTOS IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP



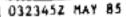


ALLEGATION OF D'AUBUISSON INVOLVEMENT IN ROMERO SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION

- 12 U BC B CLARIFIED REPORT ON 3 MAY: A SALVADORAN CITIZEN, ADELBERTO ((SALAZAR)) (DPOB: CA 1945, EL SALVADOR) WAS ARRESTED FOR STEALING A MOTORSCOOTER IN SAN SALVADOR CA 15 APRIL. THE MOTORSCOOTER BELONGED TO A MINOR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) OFFICIAL WHO RECOGNIZED THE THIEF AS THE MAN WHO HAD APPEARED IN AN ARENA PARTY CAMPAIGN TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENT IN MARCH 1984, CLAIMING TO BE THE ASSASSIN OF MONSIGNOR OSCAR ARNULFO ((ROMERO)). (FYI: ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) INTRODUCED THE TAPED TV INTERVIEW STATING THAT THIS WOULD CLEAR HIM OF ANY SUSPICION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSASSINATION.) WHEN TOLD HE WOULD BE CHARGED AS ROMERO'S ASSASSIN INSTEAD OF AS A MOTORSCOOTER THIEF, SALAZAR ADMITTED THE VIDEO TAPE HAD BEEN A HOAX, WHICH HE HAD BEEN HIRED TO PERPETRATE BY A HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE ARENA PARTY.

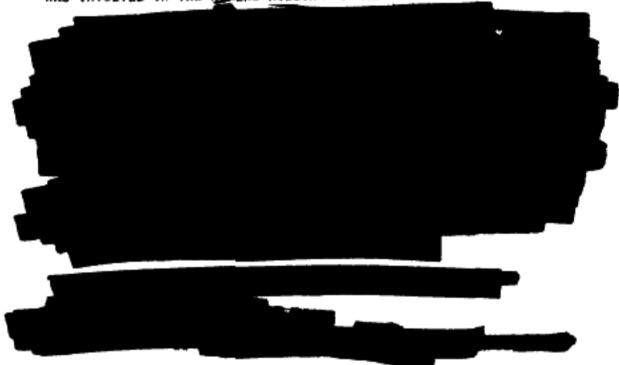
SALAZAR IS NOW UNDER PROTECTION OF THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL POLICE (HE CLAIMS HE WILL BE KILLED IF HE IS ALLOWED TO GO FREE) WHO ARE INVESTIGATING HIS STORY, AT THE BEHEST OF THE PDC. HE HAS SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INVOLVE THE C-2 OF BOTH THE HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES IN THE LATE 1983-EARLY 1984 PERIOD IN HIS PARTICIPATION THE INTERVIEW, IMPLYING THAT THEY ARRANGED THE INTERVIEW FOR ARENA. THE DETAILS SALAZAR PROVIDED IN THE TAPED INTERVIEW ARE SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED THAT INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE HE WAS BRIEFED BY EITHER A PARTICIPANT IN THE ACTION OR AN INVESTIGATOR AFTER THE FACT. HE ALSO HAS RAISED THE SPECTRE INVOLVEMENT, IMPLYING LATTERS' KNOWLEDGE OF 4 AND 3 STATE

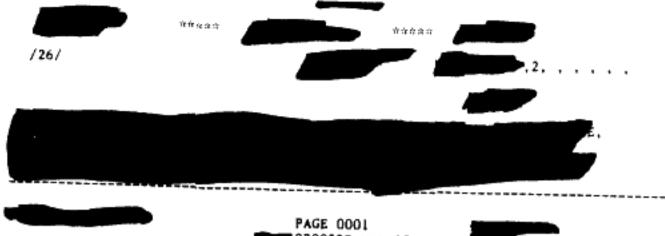
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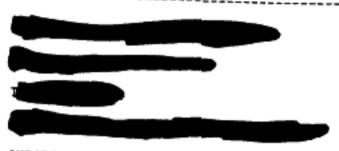
OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE TAPING.

4. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PDC OFFICIALS ON SALAZAR CONVINCED THEM HE DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE KILLING (HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN A HONDURAN JAIL AT THE TIME), BUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE HAS LED THEM TO BELIEVE HE CAN IMPLICATE CURRENT ARENA MEMBERS, POSSIBLY D'AUBUISSON HIMSELF. SALAZAR DESCRIBED A "HIGH-RANKING ARENA MEMBER" WITH WHOM HE DEALT BEFORE MAKING THE VIDEO TAPE, AND THE DESCRIPTION FITS EITHER HUGO ((BARRERA)) OR ARMANDO ((CALDERON)) SOL. THE PDC DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER WAS INVOLVED IN THE ROMERO KILLING OR THE FALSE CONFESSION.





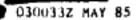
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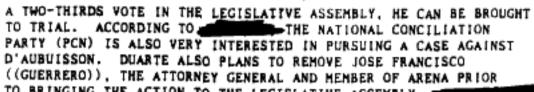


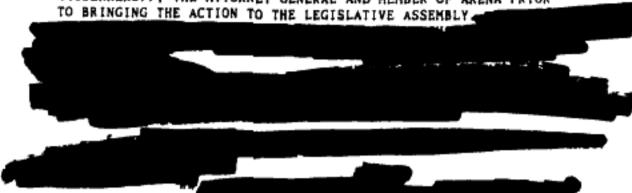
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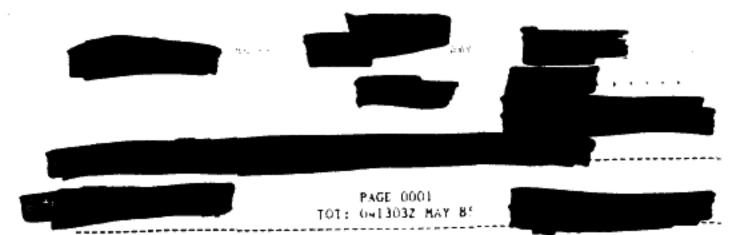
- REPORTED ON 30 APRIL THAT A SALVADORAN CITIZEN WHO WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED ON SOME MINOR CHARGE WAS REVEALED TO BE THE SAME PERSON ARRESTED CA APRIL 1982 ON A CHARGE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH HIS ARREST RECORD AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR THAT CRIME, HE CONFESSED THE 1982 MATTER HAD BEEN A HOAX PERPETUATED BY THE ARENA PARTY.
- 2. ACCOARDING TO THE ARRESTEE, HE WAS IN JAIL IN HONDURAS IN EARLY 1982 WHEN APPROACHED BY A HONDURAN MILITARY OFFICER AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE FREED IF HE AGREED TO DO A "JOB" IN EL SALVADOR. HE ARRIVED IN EL SALVADOR AND WAS BRIEFED BY UNIDENTIFIED ARENA PARTY MEMBERS TO CONFESS TO PARTICIPATING IN THE 1980 ASSASSINATION. HE WAS SENT TO JAIL AND WAS QUIETLY RELEASED AFTER THE 1982 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WITH ASSISTANCE TO ESCAPE TO MEXICO. IN THE INTERVENING YEARS HE HAS BEEN LIVING IN GUATEMALA AND RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. HE ADVISED THE SALVADORAN POLICE THAT HIS CONFESSION WAS PART OF A PLAN TO "PUBLICLY SOLVE" THE CASE OF ROMERO'S ASSASSINATION SO THAT SUSPICIONS OF INVOLVEMENT OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WOULD NOT TAINT LATTER'S CAMPAIGN FOR DEPUTY IN 1982
- 3. EVENING 1 MAY, REPORTED PRESIDENT DUARTE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE IN THE NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO TRY D'AUBUISSON FOR THE DEATH OF ROMERO. AS A DEPUTY, HE CANNOT BE ARRESTED AND TRIED LIKE A REGULAR CITIZEN BUT WITH

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FILE SUMMARY RICARDO SOL MEZA

SUBJECT:

1. FOLLOWING IS TRACE RESPONSE,
DATED 23 DECEMBER 1983, ON RICARDO ((SOL))

"RICARDO SOL MEZA WAS BORN 24 JUNE 1946 IN SAN SALVADOR.

SOL MEZA WAS AT ONE TIME THE OWNER OF THE SHERATON HOTEL DISCO
AND ON THE SHERATON BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SOL MEZA

CONSISTS MAINLY OF TRAFFIC DEALING WITH HIS
SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDERS OF AIFLD OFFICIALS HIKE
HAMMER AND MARK PEARLMAN. IN JUNE 1983

REPORTED THAT RICARDO AND BROTHER ENRIQUE WENT TO
HAVE U.S. VISA VALIDATED.

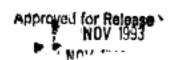
HIS IMPLICATION IN THE ABOVE MURDERS HE HAD BEEN ABSOLVED OF
ANY WRONG DOING BY SALVADORAN COURTS AND "IT HOW AFFEARS THAT
HE WAS AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER."

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ON 30

REPORTED THAT THEN NATIONAL GUARD MAJOR MARIO DENIS ((MORAN))
DIRECTED A "DEATH SQUAD" PAYROLLED BY SALVADORAN BUSINESSHAN
RICARDO SOL MESA, AND THAT SOL MESA AND MORAN USED THIS DEATH
SQUAD TO KILL RODOLFO ((VIERA)), FORMER PRESIDENT OF SALVADORAN
INSTITUTE OF AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION (ISTA) AT THE SHERATON
HOTEL ON 4 JANUARY 1981.

PEARLMAN APPARENTLY, WERE NOT TARGETS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.



MORAN GROUP, AND THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF VIERA'S LENGTHY
PRESENCE IN THE SHERATON HOTEL FOR DINNEP ON A JANUARY 1981 TO
ASSASSINATE HIM. THE ASSASSINATION WAS NOT PREPLANNED: THE
DECISION TO MURDER VIERA WAS MADE ON THE SPUE OF THE MOMENT.

"E. THE DEATH SQUAD DESCRIBED ABOVE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF BANK BOMBINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF SAN SALVADOR, AS WELL AS FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS THOUGHT TO SUPPORT LEFTIST ASSASSINATIONS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS THOUGHT TO SUPPORT LEFTIST CAUSES. THE PAYROLL OF THE DEATH SQUAD IS ESTIMATED AT 20,000 COLONES MONTHLY (U.S. \$8,000) WITH MEMBERS NORMALLY PAID 100 COLONES DAILY (U.S. \$40.00) DURING THE PERIODS THAY ARE ASSIGNED TO WORK FOR THE SQUAD. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY STATED IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MAJORITY IF NOT ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOL MESA AND MORAN DEATH SQUAD ARE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.)

"C. THE SOL MESA AND MORAN DEATH SQUAD OPERATES ON ITS OWN BUT IT IS THOUGHT TO HAVE CONNECTIONS THROUGH FORMER ARMY CAPTAIN EDUARDO ALFONSO AVILA WITH ANOTHER RIGHTIST GROUP WHICH IS INVOLVED IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES."

2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT REPORTED IN ABOVE

A. ON 22 OCTOBER 1981, THE SALVADORAN SUPREME COURT ISSUED AN ORDER THAT SOL MEZA BE RELEASED FROM PRISON. THE ORDER READ IN PART THAT THERE EXISTED NO LEGAL BASIS FOR SOL MEZA'S DETENTION. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON, SOL MEZA DEPARTED EL SALVADOR. HE WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN IN GUATEMALA, SPAIN, COSTA RICA AND MEXICO.

B. IN JUNE 1983,

SOL MEZA WOULD BE REQUESTING A VISA.

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OF THEIR EMBASSY; STATE

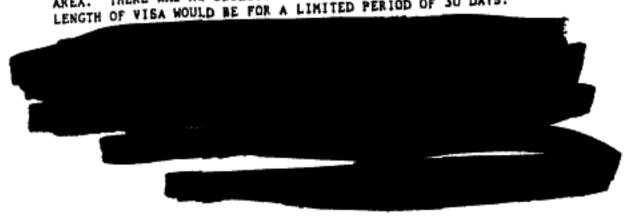
INTENTION TO ISSUE SOL MEZA VISA, SINCE CHARGES NO LONGER

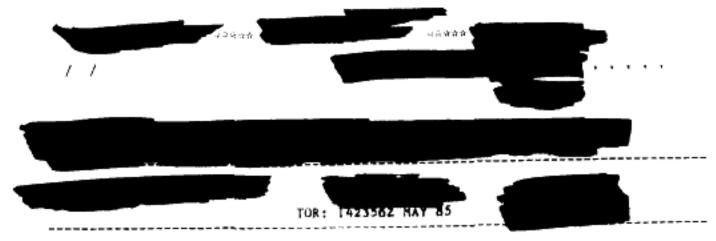
EXISTED AGAINST HIM IN EL SALVADOR. IN JANUARY 1985, SOL MEZA

AGAIN REQUESTED ISSUANCE OF VISA FOR VACATION IN THE MIAMI

AREA. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE OF VISA. SUGGESTED

LENGTH OF VISA WOULD BE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF 30 DAYS.

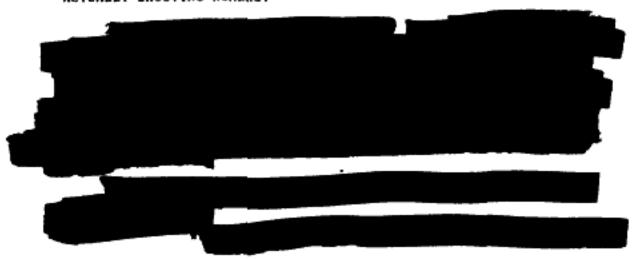






SUBJECT: EMILIO ANTONIO ((MENDOZA))

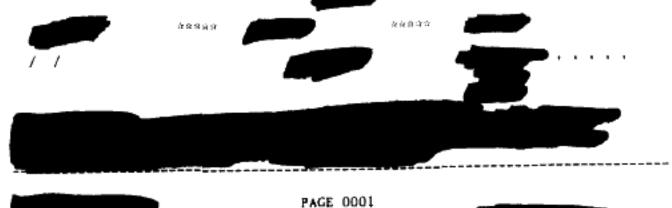
LEGAL OFFICER (L/O), CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE 1980 MURDER OF SALVADORAN ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ((ROMERO)), HAS REQUESTED TO EXAMPLE ARCES ON ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICER, EMILIO ANTONIO ((MENDOZA)). ACCORDING TO INFO OBTAINED BY L/O, MENDOZA WAS SENT TO EL SALVADOR IN 1980 WITH SEVERAL OTHER ARGENTINES BY GENERAL ROBERTO ((VIOLA)). MENDOZA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH SALVADORAN OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE G-II SECTION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED ACTUALLY SHOOTING ROMERO.



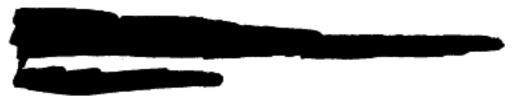
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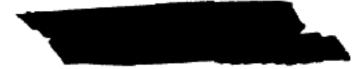
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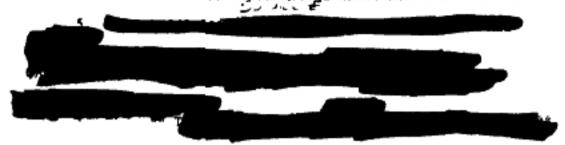
- 1. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AT HOS WHICH INDICATES THAT WAS INVOLVED IN ALBERTO ((SALAZAR)) FILM INTERVIEW OF MARCH 1984. IN FACT, THERE IS NO INFO AVAILABLE THAT ANY SUCH INTERVIEW WAS MADE OR BROADCAST.
- 2. THERE IS ONLY ONE DOCUMENT AT HQS WHICH MENTIONS A FILM OF ANY KIND BEING MADE THAT INVOLVES SALAZAR. APPARENTLY, A FILM UAS MADE AFTER SALAZAR'S RELEASE FROM PRISON IN DECEMBER 1983. SALAZAR WORKED WITH SALVADORAN MILATT COL. PENA FILMING A VIDEOTAPE ON THE INFO HE KNEW ABOUT FPL PAYOFFS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING LT. BILLY JOYA AND AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED VICTOR MAUNEL ((REYES)).
- 3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, A SALVADORAN CITIZEN, ROBERTO ADALBERTO ((SALAZAR)), AKA RUIZ, AKA PEDRO, PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT OF REFS, WAS ARRESTED IN LATE NOVEMBER 1981 ON CHARGES OF SWINDLE AND BUNCO SCHEMES. PRIOR TO HIS ARREST, SALAZAR ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE OFFICIALS IN HONDURAS THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE JOHN SULLIVAN CASE AND THREE OTHER MISSING SYDUAL CITIZENS. SALAZAR COULD NOT GIVE PROOF OF HIS BONAFIDES AND CLAIMS, AND AFTER HIS ARREST OFFICERS CONCLUDED HE WAS A FABRICATOR. SALAZAR WAS INCARCERATED FOR ONE AND HALF YEARS.
- PRISON IN DECEMBER 1983 INTO THE CUSTODY OF COL. PENA WHEN

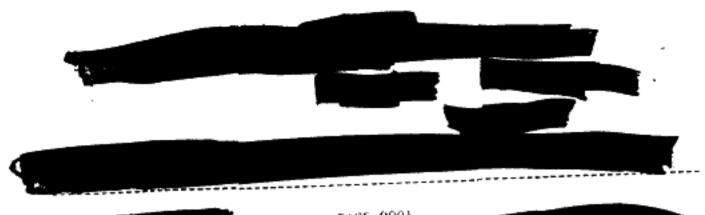
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SALAZAR REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO AND WAS WILLING TO TELL ALL ON THE SUBJECT. PENA RETURNED SALAZAR TO EL SALVADOR, WHERE HE WAS DEBRIEFED BY WHO, AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF DEBRIEFING, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS TRUTHFULNESS.





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SUBJECT: SUPPORT TO EFFORT REGARDING SHERATON HURDER CASE

1. THE GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID IN SAN SALVADOR FOR MOVING CAPTAIN AVILA TO TRIAL FOR HIS ROLE IN THE SHERATON MURDERS.

HAVE AGREED IN TESTIFY AGAINST AVILA, WHO EARLIER CONFESSED HIS
COMPLICITY IN THE MURDERS
ESSENTIAL TO THE PROSECUTION. SHE AND HER HUSBAND DEPOSED ON
24 JUNE AND WERE EXPECTED TO TESTIFY ON 25 JUNE BUT JUDGE HAS
DELAYED TESTIMONY FOR 24 HOURS.
THREATS, INCLUDING A CALL TO THE CHILDREN ON NIGHT OF
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AND HAS PROVIDED SECURITY TO FAMILY IN WASHINGTON AREA.

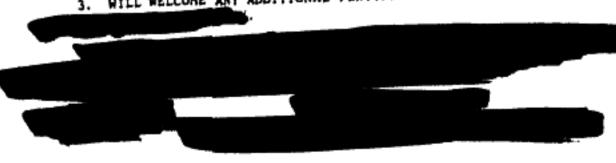
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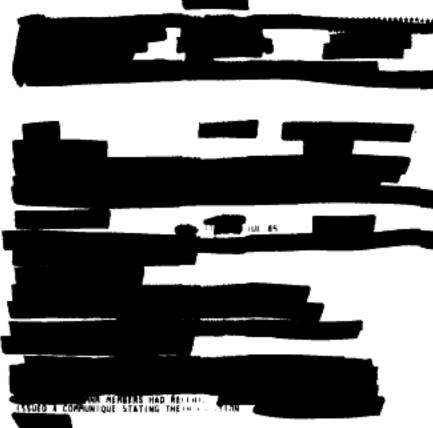
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B. THE JUDGE'S 24 HOUR POSTPONEMENT OF TESTINONY MAY GIVE AVILA TIME TO ESCAPE. MOST LIKELY DESTINATIONS SHOULD AVILA ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE WOULD BE GUATEMALA OR PANAMA. WITH COSTA RICA AS LESS LIKELY.

3. WILL WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT FACTS OR SUGGESTIONS



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//PRESIDENT DUARTE HAS LIRGED HIS DEFENSE MINISTER TO ORDER LICE AND MILITARY UNITS TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY IN INVESTIGATING E TERRORIST CASSACRE OF US AND SALVADORAN CITIZENS ON 19 JUNE. ANWHILE, THE SALVADORAN NATIONAL GUARD EARLIER THIS WEEK CAPTURED COSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THE KILLINGS.

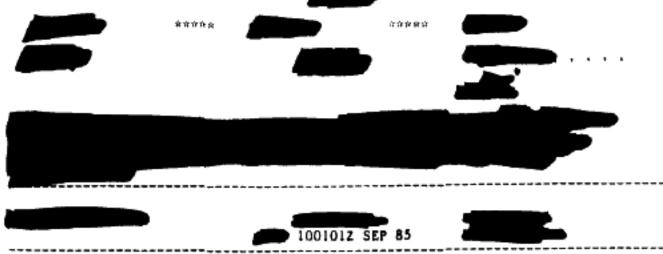
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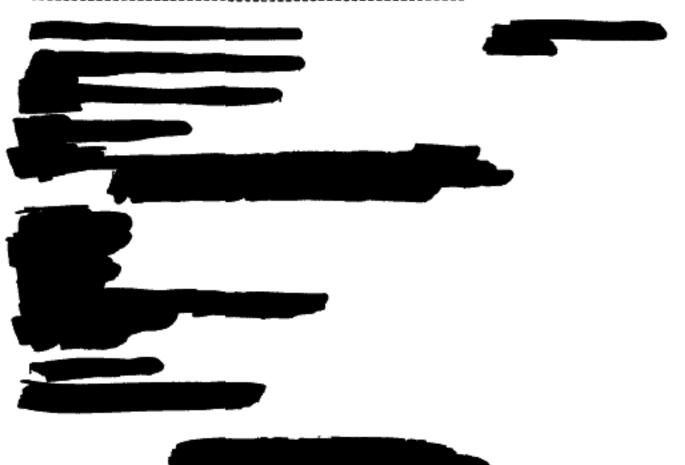
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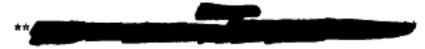
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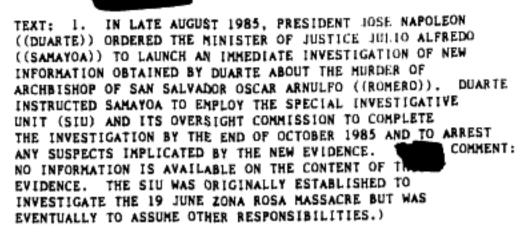
ABOUT THE MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO

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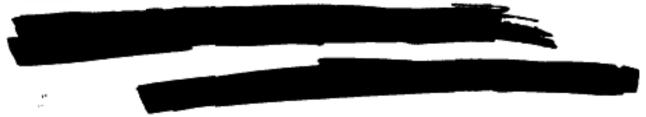
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2. BASED ON THE NEW INFORMATION OBTAINED BY DUARTE, SEVERAL INFLUENTIAL SALVADORAN CITIZENS ARE IMPLICATED IN THE ROMERO HURDER CASE. THE NEW EVIDENCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO INCRIMINATE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PRESIDENT ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) ARRIETA, BUT SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES ARE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. SAMAYOA, WHO HEADS THE SIU OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WHICH CONSISTS OF PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT ALVARO ERNESTO ((SALAZAR)) BRENES AND VICE-MINISTER OF INTERIOR CARMEN AMALIA BARAHONA PANTOJA DE ((MORALES)), EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND THAT OF THE OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS. SAMAYOA INDICATED THAT "POWERFUL PEOPLE" IN THE SALVADORAN SOCIETY WOULD BE INVESTIGATED

AND THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO THREATS AGAINST THE LIVES OF COMMISSION MEMBERS.

3. DUARTE'S ENTHUSIASM FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP WHICH CONDUCTED THE ZONA ROSA MASSACRE LED TO HIS DECISION TO PROCEED WITH A SIMILAR INVESTIGATION OF ROMERO'S MURDER. DUARTE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH HE PROVIDED TO SAMAYOA WILL LEAD TO THE ARREST OF ONE OR MORE SUSPECTS IN THE ROMERO MURDER CASE. HIS GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF PUBLIC SUPPORT GENERATED BY THE ZONA ROSA INVESTIGATION BY MAKING A SIMILAR PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THE SIU'S FINDINGS IN THE ROMERO CASE.





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SUMMARY: IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1986, ECMFA C-V CHIEF COLONEL PUBLICITY CONNECTING HIM WITH A BOGUS CONFESSION CONCERNING THE 1980 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO WHICH ARENA LEADER D'AUBUISSON USED IN THE 1984 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. PENA INDICATED THAT, IF NECESSARY, HE WOULD IMPLICATE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ROBERTO SALAZAR, WHO HAD FABRICATED THE CONFESSION TO ROMERO'S MURDER. PRESIDENT DUARTE AND HIS SECRETARY OF INFORMATION LE CHEVALIER HAVE INTENDED TO BUILD A CASE AGAINST D'AUBUISSON. LE CHEVALIER HAS INFORMED PENA AND THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND THAT THEY ARE GUILTY OF NOTHING MORE THAN BEING DUPED. DUARTE, HOWEVER, IS DISPLEASED THAT FALSE BUT DID NOTHING ABOUT IT. AS OF 4 SEPTEMBER, CONCERNED THAT THE CASE WILL GET OUT OF HAND.

RICARDO ((PENA)) ARBAIZA, THE CHIEF OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WAR SECTION (C-V) OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES
JOINT GENERAL STAFF (EMCFA), WAS THREATENING TO ASK TO

Approved for Release . NOV 1993 BE RELIEVED OF DUTY OVER PUBLICITY CONNECTING HIM WITH A BOGUS CONFESSION REGARDING THE 1980 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP OF SAN SALVADOR OSCAR ARNULFO ((ROMERO)) USED BY NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) LEADER ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) ARRIETA IN THE 1984 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. PENA HAD DRAFTED A LETTER TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY GENERAL CARLOS EUGENID ((VIDES)) CASANOVA DENOUNCING THE ACCUSATIONS BEING MADE AGAINST HIM IN THIS RESPECT BY SECRETARY OF INFORMATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD GERARDO ((LE CHEVALIER)) AND THREATENING SO TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE MATTER. PENA SAID THAT IF HE DID GO TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, HE WOULD STATE THAT HIS ACTIONS IN THIS CASE WERE CARRIED OUT ON ORDERS FROM CHIEF, EMCFA, GENERAL ADOLFO ONECIFERO ((BLANDON)).

ROBERTO ADALBERTO ((SALAZAR)) COLLIER CLAIMING TO BE
"COMANDANTE LOBO" OF THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES
(FPL) AND TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ASSASSIMATION OF
ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. D'AUBUISSOM USED THE TAPE IN 1884 AS
PROOF THAT THE LEFT, NOT THE RIGHT, WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE MURDER. SALAZAR HAS NOW STATED THAT HE WAS
PAID TO MAKE THE TAPE. THE SALVADORAN PRESS HAS BEEN
CARRYING FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS BY THE "CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC WORKER MOVEMENT" (MODC) USING THE GOVERNING
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S (PDC) SYMBOL WHICH LABEL
SALAZAR'S CURRENT STATEMENTS AS TRUTH AND D'AUBUISSON'S
1984 ASSERTIONS AS LIES AND WHICH CALL FOR D'AUBUISSON'S
TO SUBMIT TO A PUBLIC TRIAL ON THE MATTER. A SOURCE
WITH GOOD ACCESS HAS EXPLAINED THAT THE NAME "CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC WORKER MOVEMENT"
DEMOCRATIC WORKER MOVEMENT
OF INVESTIGATOR.)
WHILE IN PRISON, BECAME FAMILIAR WITH MANY NAMES
ASSOCIATED WITH SUBVERSION IN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS.
WITH THESE NAMES, HE CONSTRUCTED HIS TALES IN ORDER
TO DUPE THE FIRST NAIVE PERSON WILLING TO PLAY THE ROLE
OF INVESTIGATOR.)

IN SALAZAR'S CASE IN 1983 WHEN HE WAS SALVADORAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN HONDURAS. SALAZAR HAD BEEN POINTED OUT TO HIM AS AN FPL LOGISTICS OFFICER DURING A VISIT BY MILITARY ATTACHES TO HONDURAS' CENTRAL PRISON TO WHICH SALAZAR HAS BEEN SENTENCED FOR A COMMON CRIME. ALTHOUGH SALAZAR WOULD NOT SPEAK WITH PENA AT THE TIME, HE REQUESTED THAT PENA VISIT HIM TWO WEEKS LATER. DURING THE VISIT, SALAZAR TOLD PENA THAT HE WAS AN FPL LOGISTICS OFFICER AND THAT IN THIS CAPACITY, HE HAD PAID THE HONDURAN MILITARY CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE (C-II) \$1,500,000 TO PERMIT THE DELIVERY OF ARMS TO SALVADORAN INSURGENTS, AND THAT THE FPL HAD CONSENTED TO THE HONDURAN C-II'S REQUEST THAT HE BE PERMITTED TO CAPTURE TWO TRUCKS CARRYING ARMS FOR THE INSURGENTS TO COVER HIS COOPERATION IN THE ARMS SHIPMENT. SALAZAR ASKED PENA FOR HELP IN LEAVING HONDURAN C-II WOULD HAVE HIM KILLED WHEN HE LEFT PRISON. PENA

PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION TO SALVADORAN MINISTER VIDES, WHO TOLD HIM TO FORGET SALAZAR BECAUSE SALAZAR COULD BY LYING.

S. PENA SPOKE AGAIN WITH SALAZAR, WHO CLAIMED TO KNOW HOW THE ASSASSINATION OF ROMERO WAS CARRIED OUT AND HOW ROBERTO ((VIERA)), DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF AGRARIAN REFORM (ISTA), AND TWO U.S. ADVISORS FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT (AIFLD) WERE KILLED IN THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR IN 1982. PENA WAITED FOR SOME TIME BEFORE DOING ANYTHING FOR SALAZAR. HE THEN ASKED A SALVADORAN MILITARY DOCTOR ATTENDING A MEDICAL CONGRESS IN HONDURAS TO SPEAK TO GENERAL BLANDON ABOUT SALAZAR. BLANDON SET ORDERS THAT PENA BRING SALAZAR TO EL SALVADOR.

6. PENA CONSEQUENTLY BROUGHT SALAZAR TO SAN SALVADOR AND TURNED HIM OVER TO THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE (DN!). THE DNI INTERROGATED SALAZAR AND.

IN RESPONSE TO HIS CLAIM THAT HE HAD HIDDEN IN GUATEMALA INCRIMINATING PHOTOGRAPHS OF HONDURAN MILITARY MEMBERS, HAD PENA TAKE HIM TO GUATEMALA, WHERE THEY FOUND NOTHING. PENA THEN TOOK SALAZAR TO HONDURAS AND THE DNI INSTRUCTED THAT IF SALAZAR GO. PENA, HOWEVER, WAS AFRAID THAT IF SALAZAR WERE KILLED. HE. PENA, WOULD BE ACCUSED. HE THEREFORE ASKED THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY ATTACHE FOR JOURNALISTS WHO COULD THEN TESTIFY THAT PENA HAD LET THE TAPE WAS TREKEFORE NAME IN THE HORE OF THE VENEZUELAN ACCORDING TO PENA, THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF HIS RELATIONSHIP PUBLICITY WHICH LE CHEVALIER AND OTHERS WERE PROMOTING IN THIS CASE WAS NOT DESIGNED AS MUCH TO IMPLICATE THEREBY OPENING THE WAY TO APPOINTING CURRENT VICE ((LOPEZ)) NUILA AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY. (COLONEL CARLOS REYNALDO SECURITY. (COLONEL) SECURITY SECURITY. (COLONEL) SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY. (COLONEL) SECURITY SECURITY

SATO THAT BOTH DUARTE AND LE CHEVALIER HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN TO SALAZAR'S CASE IS INTENDED TO BUILD A CASE AGAINST D'AUBUISSON FOR COMPLICITY, IF NOT ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN ARCHBISHOP ROMERD'S DEATH. LE CHEVALIER HAS INFORMED PENA, WHO HAS CALLED ON MEMBERS OF HIS MILITARY SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OR TANDA FOR ASSISTANCE, THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE SALVADORAN HIGH COMMAND ARE GUILTY OF ANYTHING EXCEPT BEING DUPED BY SALAZAR. LE CHEVALIER HAS ASKED PENA TO CONVEY THESE COMMENTS TO MEMBERS OF HIS TANDA TO ELIMINATE FEARS OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMAND

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LE CHEVALIER ALSO TOLO PENA THAT THERE IS NO MEED FOR HIM TO ASK TO BE RELIEVED OF DUTY.

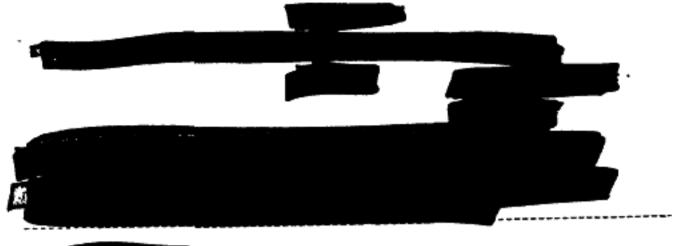
ARRESTED IN SAN SALVADOR IN APPROXIMATELY MID-APRIL 1985 FOR ATTEMPTING TO STEAL A MOTORCYCLE BELONGING TO AN ACTIVE POC MEMBER, THE OWNER RECOGNIZED SALAZAR FROM ARENA'S TAPE OF SALAZAR AND IMMEDIATELY INFORMED THE PDC OF SALAZAR'S BY EARLY MAY, PCD LEADERS, WITH DUARTE'S APPROVAL ARREST. AND LED BY LE CHEVALIER IN THIS INSTANCE, HAD DECIDED TO ATTEMPT TO BRING D'AUBUISSON TO TRIAL OVER SALAZAR'S TAPED STATEMENTS CONCERNING ROMERO'S K'LLING.

AND THE GOVERNMENT.

10. DUARTE HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS DISPLEASED WITH THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND OVER ONE PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE CASE. THIS IS THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECURITY AND THE EMCFA WERE AWARE THAT THE INFORMATION ON THE VIDEO TAPE WHICH ARENA USED IN THE 1984 CAMPAIGN WAS FALSE BUT MADE NO EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE INFORMATION OR INFORM ANYONE. ESPECIALLY DUARTE AND THE POC. DUARTE HAS VOICED HIS DISPLEASURE TO VIDES.

- 12. AS OF 4 SEPTEMBER, THE MOST SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR (ESAF). INCLUDING VIDES, CONTINUED TO BE CONCERNED THAT THIS CASE COULD GET OUT OF HAND. PENA HAS INFORMED BLANDON THAT, IF NECESSARY TO SAVE HIS OWN REPUTATION, HE WOULD IMPLICATE THE ENTIRE MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN THIS SCANDAL PENA'S THREAT HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT PENA WORLD BEEN EXPRESSED FOR THAT WEND FROM THAT PENA WOULD PASS RESPONSIBILITY TO VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL RAFAEL ((FLORES)) LIMA; AND FLORES WOULD BE OBLIGED TO KICK THE MATTER UP TO VIDES. TO PREVENT THIS, VIDES HAS BEEN ADVISING DUARTE TO LET THE MATTER OROP. DUARTE HAS ASSURED VIDES THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE MILITARY HIERARCHY SUFFER SUCH A FATE AND WOULD SEE TO IT THAT THE INCIDENT IS PUT TO REST.
- PUBLICLY BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DESCRIBING THE CHARGES AS A FARSE AND A LIE MOUNTED BY AN INCOMPETENT GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO FADE AWAY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.)

COMMENT: BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED A PENA APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLY UNDERSTATING HIS OWN ROLE IN CREATING THE SALAZAR MYTH. THIS IS BECAUSE PENA WAS IN PART MISLEAD BY SALAZAR, WHOSE INITIAL CONTACT WITH PENA WAS ON THE BASIS OF A CALCULATEAD APPEAL TO PENA'S EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN FAITH. SALAZAR ESSENTIALLY CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN AND TO REQUIRE COL PENA'S SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE. THIS RESULTED IN PENA DEVELOPING AN UNSHAKEABLE FAITH IN SALAZAR'S TRUTHFULHESS, WHICH HE SUSTAINED FAR BEYOND THE POINT WHERE A MORE OBJECTIVE OBSERVER WOULD HAVE DROPPED THE MATTER.)



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SUBJECT: TRACES - HANS CHRIST



1. HANS RUDOLF W. (CHRIST) ACHIM AKA HANS ACHIM (CHRIST)
HOOPE,
WAS BORN 21 FEB 1951, SANTA TECLA, EL
SALVADOR; HAS SALVADORAN AND GERMAN PASSPORTS.

2. 4 APR 81 WITNESS

BELIEVED CHRIST AND RICARDO (SOL) MESA COMMITTED THE MURDERS.

SAW CHRIST IN THE DOORAY AT END OF HALL BECKONING TO

SOMEONE NEAR THE OPPOSITE END OF THE PASSAGEWAY ADJOINING THE
LOBBY. SHORTLY AFTER HEARD GUNFIRE AND WHEN ENTERED THE
RESTAURANT SAW CHRIST TALKING INTO HAND HELD RADIO, AND SOL MEZA
BENDING OVER MARK D. (PEARLMAN), WHO STILL ALIVE. PEARLMAN DIED
ENROUTE TO HOSPITAL. CHRIST WORE DARK BLUE SUIT AND SOL MEZA A
BLUE ZIPPERED JACKET. NO WEAPONS WERE VISIBLE BUT COULD HAVE

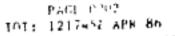
BEEN CONCEALED IN JACKETS.

CHRIST HAD VISAS FOR US AND CRIES IN BALVADORAN PASSPORT BUT WANTED VISA IN GERMAN PASSPORT ALSO TO TRAVEL AS GERMAN CITIZEN. ACCORDING EASTERN FLT 198 MANIFEST CHRIST DEPARTED



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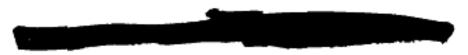
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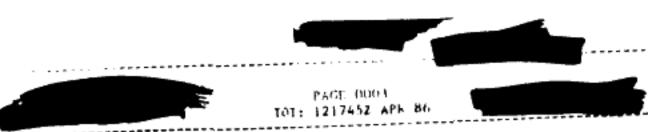


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CONTRACT FOR MIAMI S APR 81 ITH WIFE, MASIA EDELMIRA (AGUILAR)
LL CHAIST, USING SALVADORAN PPTS 0398196 AND
0396676, RESPECTIVELY, SEARCH OF CHRIST EL SALVADOR HOME 10 APR
DISCLOSED WEAPONS WITH GOES MARKINGS (NFT). ON 15 APRIL 81
CHRIST WAS ARRESTED BY IN MIAMI IN CONNECTION WITH
SHERATON MURDERS, ON 10 SEPT 81, DEPT JUSTICE REPORTED
SALVADORAN COURTS DECLARED INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DENY BAIL TO
SCL MEZA AND, SINCE CASE DEPENDED ON OUTCOME OF CASE AGAINST SOL
MEZA, EXTRADITION HEARING DELAYED INDEFINITELY.

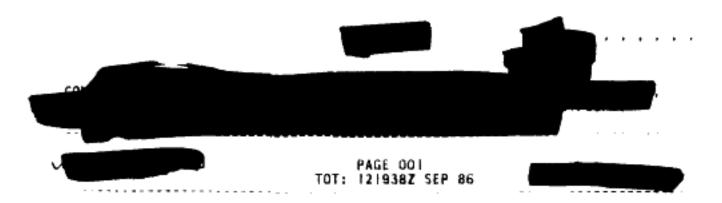
- 4. ON 27 FEB 82 CHRIST AS OUT ON BAIL AND WAS IN MIAMI, AND REQUEST BY GOES FOR EXTRADITION PROCESSED BY US DIST COURT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA. ON 28 MAR 82 CRIMINAL APPELLATE COURT CONFIRMED SUSPENSION OF CASE AGAINST CHRIST AND SOL MEZA FOR INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE; CASE AGAINST CHRIST FORMALLY DISMISSED 23 JUNE 82 BY US MAGISTRATE. ON 27 SEPT 82 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REQUESTED CASE BE REOPENED BECAUSE OF NEW EVIDENCE. ACCORDING CHRIST'S LAWYER, 13 OCT 82, CHRIST IN OUTTO.
- NOV 82 AND REPORTER INTIMIDATED AND THREATENED AGAINST
  IDENTIFYING LT.RODOLFO ISIDRO (LOPEZ) SIBRIAN DURING
  TESTIMONY. IDENTIFIED CHRIST FROM PHOTO AS ONE OF SIX MEN
  IN COFFEE SHOP ON DAY OF MURDER, BUT WOULD NOT IDENTIFY LOPEZ.
  WITHOUT HER IDENTIFICATION CASE AGAINST LOPEZ WAS DISMISSED, AND
  CASE AGAINST CHRIST DEPENDED ON LOPEZ' CASE.
- 6. ACCORDING 28 NOV B2 NEWS ARTICLE, DURING TRIAL OF TWO FORMER NATIONAL GUARD (GN) CORPORALS INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS, JOSE DIMAS (VALLE) ACEVEDO AND SANGIAGO (GOMEZ) GONZALEZ, SAID THEY MET LT. LOPEZ SIBRIAN AND CHRIST IN HOTEL PARKING LOT AND IT WAS THERE THEY WERE GIVEN WEAPONS AND ORDERED TO EXECUTE THE THREE OFFICIALS. ONE MAN WAS GIVEN A WINDBREAKER TO CONCEAL HIS GUN. THAT SAME EVENING THEYWERE ACCOMPANIED BY CHRIST TO THE HOTEL. HE LED THEN TO THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS, HERE THE THREE OFFICIALS WERE HAVING PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS. CHRIST POINTED OUT THE THREE VICTIMS TO THEIR EXECUTIONERS. ACCORDING TO CHRIST'S LAWYER, JUAN RAMON (ROSALES) Y ROSALES, CHRIST WAS INNOCENT, AND HAD RESULTS OF AN EIGHT-HOUR POLYGRAPH TEST ADMINISTERED IN HIAMI TO PROVE IT. ACCORDING NEWS ARTICLE, CHRIST REPORTED TRAVELLING TO US. HIS LAYER HAD ADVISED HIM TO GO TO CHILE, HERE THERE IS NO EXTRADITION TREATY ITH GOES. ON ADVISED THAT CHRIST REPORTED TO HAVE 24 JAN 83 I BEEN SEEN IN HIAMI, FLORIDA.
  - 7. A SUMMARY OF THE SHERATON HOTEL MURDER INQUIRY INDICATED





SID LIFE (VIERA), MICHARL (HAMMER), AND MARK PRARIMAN WERE PURDERED IN THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, SAN SALVADOR, 3 JANUARY 1981. LT LOPEZ AND HIS BODYGUARD, VALLE, DERVE FROM ON HOS TO CHRIST HOME THEN TO SHERATON HOTEL, THEY MAINTAINED RADIO CONTACT WITH ARMY CAPT. EDUARDO ERNESTO ALFONSO AVILA) AVILA HOM THEY HET AT HOTEL PARKING LOT. CHRIST ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND AVILA BELIEVED ACCOMPANIED BY GIRLFRIEND. THEY WENT TO COFFEE SHOP FOR DINNER, AND CHRIST RECOGNIZED VIERA, HAMMER AND PEARLMAN WHEN THEY ENTERED, APPROX 2200 HRS SOL HEZA, HIS WIFE, AND MAJOR MARIO DENIS (MORAN) AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED, ESCORTED BY GN SANTOS ANGEL (URIBE) AND SANTIAGO (GOMEZ) GONZALEZ, AND BODYGUARDS JULIO (CARRILLO) SARMIENTO AND ISMAEL HERCULES (REYES), EMPLOYED BY SOL HEZA. APPROX 2300 HRS CHRIST, LOPEZ AND AVILA MET AT LOPEZ' VEHICLE. AND LOPEZ REPORTEDLY INSTRUCTED VALLE ACEVEDO TO KILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO SALVADORENO PARA LA TRANSFORMACION AGRARIA (ISTA) AND TWO FOREIGNERS WITH HIM. LOPEZ ORDERED GOMEZ TO ACCOMPANY VALLE, THEY ACCOMPANIED LOPEZ TO HIS CHEVROLET, WHERE HE GAVE GOMEZ A 9MM INGRAM SUB MACHINEGUN AND AVILA GAVE VALLE A 45 CAL INGRAM SUB MACHINEGUN WITH SILENCER, AVILA GAVE GOMEZ A KHAKI WINDBREAKER JACKET TO CONCEAL THE WEAPON. CHRIST LED GOMEZ AND VALLE INTO THE HOTEL AND AT THE DOORWAY TO THE SALON DE LAS AMERICAS, GESTURED TOWARD THE VIERA PARTY, INDICATING TO GOMEZ AND VALLE THESE WERE THE MEN TO BE KILLED. GOMEZ AND VALLE REPORTEDLY CARRIED OUT THE ASSASSINATION, RETURNED TO THE PARKING LOT, AND WENT TO THE AVILA RESIDENCE, WHERE VALLE RETURNED THE INGRAM AND GONEZ RETURNED THE WINDBREAKER TO AVILA. LOPEZ THEN INSTRUCTED THEM TO RETURN TO GN HOS, AND LOPEZ AND POSSIBLY AVILA RETURNED TO THE HOTEL TO VERIFY EVENTS.





SUBJECT: GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)) MERINO



A. JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)) MERINO WAS BORN 25 JUNE 1933 IN SAN VICENTE, EL SALVADOR. HE WAS FROM A LOWER TO LOWER-MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY AND ATTENDED THE INSTITUTO SANTO TOMAS, A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HIS HOME TOWN. IN 1953 HE ENTERED THE MILITARY ACADEMY, WHERE HE STUDIED LIBERAL ARTS AND MILITARY SCIENCE. WHILE IN SCHOOL, HE HAD FEW FRIENDS, ALTHOUGH HE DID DEVELOP A STRONG SENSE OF LOYALTY TO THE MILITARY. AFTER HIS GRADUATION, HE HELD MOSTLY ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS. FROM 1974 TO 1977, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (ANTEL) A PRESTIGIOUS POST ALWAYS FILLED BY THE MILITARY. IN 1977, GARCIA EXPECTED TO BE DESIGNATED AS PRESIDENT; INSTEAD HIS FELLOW OFFICERS CHOSE GENERAL CARLOS ((ROMERO)) AND GARCIA BELIEVED THAT HE WAS SIDELINED BECAUSE OF HIS REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. IN 1978, ROMERO APPOINTED HIM MILITARY COMMANDER OF SAN VICENTE. A FORM OF INTERNAL EXILE, BECAUSE OF GARCIA'S LINVOLVEMENT IN A PLOTATO OVERTHROW THE PRESIDENT.

B. ON 27 FEBRUARY 1879,

REPORTED COLONELS ANTONIO ((GONZALEZ)) ELIZONDO, JUSE GOTLLERAD

GARCIA AND FORMER ARMY COLONEL JUAN ANTONIO ((MARTINEZ)) WERE
INVOLVED IN A COUP PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT ROMERO. ON 15 FEBRUARY
1979, FORMER ARMY GENERAL JOSE ALBERTO ((MEDRANO)),

WAS

CALLED TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. MEDRAND TOLD PRESIDENT ROMERO
THAT THE DIE CHANGED, AND
COULD BE ACCOUNTSHED BY REPLACING THE RANKING MINISTERS.

C. ON 5 OCTOBER 1979 PRESIDENT ROMERO INDIVIDUALLY CONTACTED COLONELS JOSE EUGENIO VIDES CASANOVA, JAIME ABOUL GUITERREZ AND JOSE GUILLERMO GARCIA, AND PERSONALLY ACCUSED THEM OF BEING INVOLVED IN A COUP PLOT. EACH DENIED THE ACCUSATION.

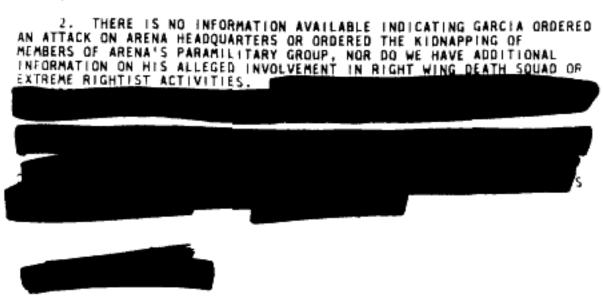
ON 30 MAY 1979 SEVERAL MAJORS OF THE 1963 MILITARY CLASS AND VIDES, GUITERREZ AND GARCIA HELD INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH THEY REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO POOL MILITARY RESOURCES IN PLANNING A POSSIBLE COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT ROMERO.

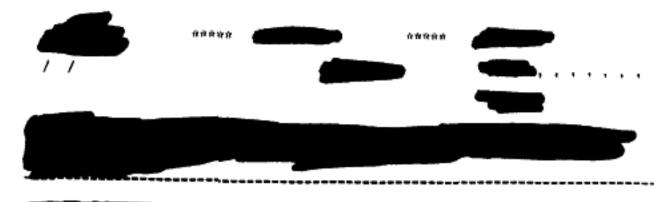
D. IN OCTOBER 1979, GARCIA HELPED PLAN THE COUP THAT TOPPLED' THE ROMERO REGIME AND INSTEAD OF SEEKING A SEAT ON THE JUNTA, FORMED TO RULE THE COUNTRY, HE CHOSE TO BECOME MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHERE HE GAINED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES AND BECAME, IN EFFECT, THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE AND WAS FREE TO PURSUE HIS FOREMOST GOAL--PRESERVING THE CONESION OF THE ARMED

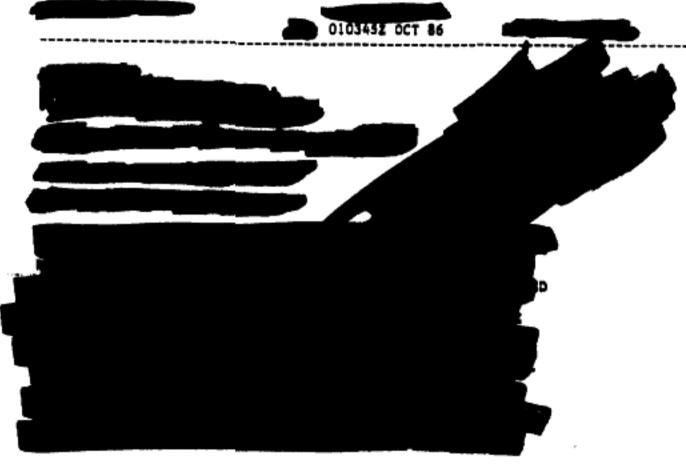
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- INSTITUTED USE OF NONLETHAL HIGH CONTROL WEAPONS, AND REMOVED FROM THEIR COMMANDS A FEW RIGHT-WING MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATED WITH DEATH SQUADS. HOWEVER, HE TOLERATED THE CONTINUES EXISTENCE OF DEATH SQUADS AND, IN JANUARY 1981 RENEGED ON PROMISES TO LIMIT THEM (NET).
- E. GARCIA WAS A SMART, SHREWD INDIVIDUAL, WHOSE PUBLIC PERSONA WAS COOL AND RESERVED. HE EXHIBITED A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF EMOTIONAL CONTROL, KEPT HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND FEELINGS WELL CONCEALED AND HAD A SUBTLE SENSE OF HUMBR WHICH HE OFTEN USED TO INFLUENCE OTHERS. EMPLOYED "MULTIPLE ENTENDRE", CONVEYING SEVERAL LEVELS OF MEANING TO HIS AUDIENCE. HE APPEARED TO HAVE A SELF-RIGHTEOUS STREAK, A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY, AND PROBABLY HAD A CAPACITY FOR VINDICTIVENESS, EVEN CRUELTY, TOWARD THOSE WHO WOULD THWART HIS PLANS AND OBJECTIVES. GARCIA WAS ADEPT IN PERSUADING STREAK TO ACCEPT HIS POINT OF VIEW, AND APPEARED TO MOTIVATE AND CONTROL THROUGH APPEALS OF HEASON RATHER THAN EMOTION. OF OFTEN USED HIS SENSE OF HUMBR TO HELP INFLUENCE OTHERS. HE TENDED TO YITM PEOPLE AS COMPONENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO HE PROGRAMATED, MANIPULATED, AND EVENUTALLY CONTROLLED.
- F. GARCIA AND HIS WIFE WERE PRACTICING ROMAN CATHOLICS AND HAVE FIVE CHILDREN. HE HAD STRONG FAMILY VALUES AND PROFESSED TO ADHERE TO TRADITIONAL VALUES OF THE CHURCH. IN 1981 HE TRAVELET TO THE U.S. TO ATTEND HIS DAUGHTER'S WEDDING.
- G. IN APRIL 1983 GARCIA WAS FORCED TO STEP DOWN FROM HIS POSITION AS MOD BECAUSE OF THREATS FROM THE EL SALVADOR AIR FORCE TO DEFY THE HIGH COMMAND AND OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY. THEIR COMPLAINTS WERE THAT GARCIA ISOLATED HIMSELF FROM THE MILITARY COMMANDERS, MADE DECISIONS ON POLITICAL AND MILITARY MATTERS WITHOUT CONSULTING THEM, SUPPORTED INCOMPETENT OFFICERS WHO HELD IMPORTANT POSITIONS AND WHOSE PERSONAL REPUTATIONS TARNISHED THE IMAGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND GARCIA'S OPPOSITION TO ARENA. GARCIA TRIED TO IMPLEMENT REFORMS WHICH ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), PRESIDENT OF ARENA TRIED TO STALL OR MODIFY.





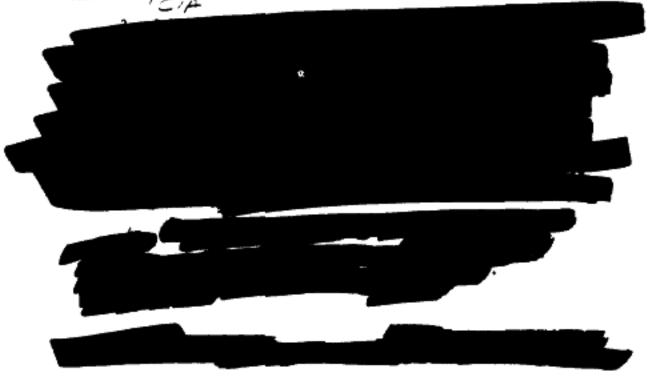


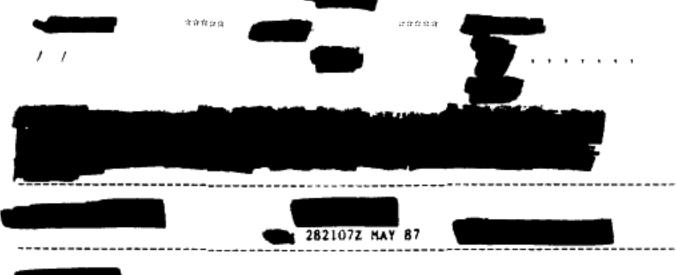
2. SANTIVANEZ SERVED AS SALVADORAN CONSUL IN NEW ORLEANS FROM NOVEMBER 1983 UNTIL OCTOBER 1984, WHEN HE WAS FIRED AS COUNSEL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT HE WAS THE SOURCE OF TWO NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES, BOTH PUBLISHED IN MARCH 1984, IN WHICH ALLEGATIONS WHERE MADE THAT LEADING SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS WERE INVOLVED IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITES, AND THAT A TOP SALVADORAN POLICE OFFICIAL WAS ACCUPANT INFORMANT. HE ASSO CONDUCTED A PRESS INTERVIEW IN MARCH 1985 WHERE HE STATED THAT FORMER FON OFFICIAL COLONEL RICARDO "CHINO" ((LAU)), RECEIVED \$120,000.00 FOR ARRANGING THE DEATH SQUAD EXECUTION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULEO ((ROMERO)) IN 1980 AND WAS WORKING DIRECTLY FOR THEN ARENA PRESIDENT AND KNOWN RIGHT WINGER ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)). SANTIVANEZ ADDED THAT COL. LAU WAS SENT TO

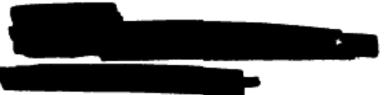
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WORK IN GUATEMALA, TRAINING DEATH SQUAD KILLERS AND ADVISED D'AUBUISSON DIRECTLY ON HOW TO CARRY OUT DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. HIS ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL QUERIES TO THE LAST BEING MARCH 1985, FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HPSCI.







SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO



ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO WAS MURDERED ON 24 MARCH 1980 IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL IN NORTHERN SAN SALVADOR COLONIA OF MIRAMONTE. HE WAS STRUCK IN THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST BY A SINGLE .22 CALIBER BULLET THAT FRAGMENTED AND LODGED IN HIS LUNG (SOME BELIEVE AN "EXPLOSIVE" BULLET WAS USED). THOUGH INITIAL OVERT REPORTING SAYS A GROUP OF GUNMEN ENTERED THE CHURCH AND OPENED FIRE, LATER REPORTING AND INVESTIGATIONS SHOWED THE SHOT TO HAVE BEEN FIRED THROUGH THE OPEN DOORS OF THE CHAPEL BY A SINGLE GUNMAN, PROBABLY USING A RIFLE. SOURCES WERE REPORTED BY THE PRESS TO SAY THAT THE WEAPON WAS PROBABLY EQUIPPED WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT. THE ASSASSIN IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN 90-150 FEET FROM THE ARCHBISHOP WHEN THE SHOT WAS FIRED.

CHURCH OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE KILLER APPARENTLY GOT OUT OF A CAR OPPOSITE THE DOORS TO THE CHAPEL, FIRED ONE SHOT AND THEN WAS DRIVEN AWAY BEFORE ANYONE GOT A CLOSE LOOK AT HIM. THE OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS BELIEVED THREE OTHER MEN WERE ALSO IN THE CAR. THE PRESS REPORTED AT THE TIME THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR SAID A GOVERNMENT SOURCE INFORMED HIM ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION THAT "RIGHT-WING CUBAN TERRORISTS" WERE OPERATING IN EL SALVADOR. THE SOURCE IMPLIED THAT THE ASSASIN MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THESE CUBANS.



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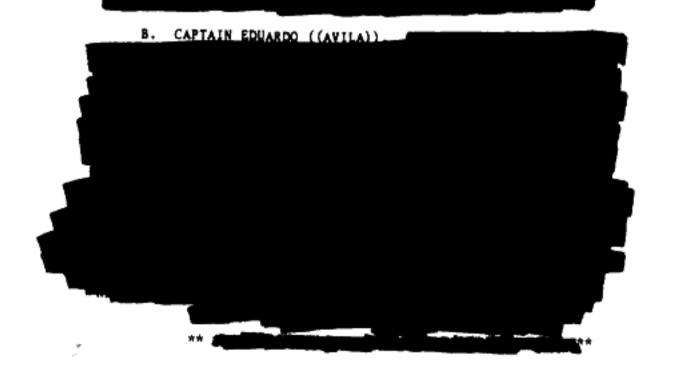
A VARIETY OF SOURCES HAVE ACCUSED ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) OF COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER OF ROMERO. ALTHOUGH THE BULK OF THE REPORTING IS CREDIBLE, THERE IS NOTHING THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS HARD PROOF. SEVERAL REPORTS ON THE ROMERO ASSASSINATION CLAIM THAT D'AUBUISSON AND HIS COLLEAGUES HELD MEETINGS IN EARLY 1980 TO PLAN THE KILLING. ACCORDING TO SOME SOURCES, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WERE ASKED TO DRAW LOTS TO DETERMINE WHO WOULD CARRY OUT THE ACT. SOME SOURCES CLAIM THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL COMPRISED THE HIT SQUAD AND THAT A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD FIRED THE FATAL SHOT.

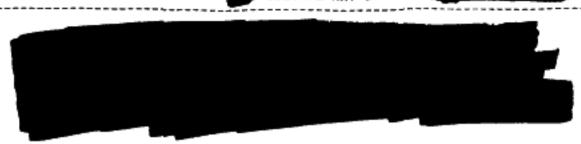
IN ADDITION TO D'AUBUISSON, SEVERAL OTHER NAMES HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ROMERO'S MURDER:

A. WALTER ((NUSA)).

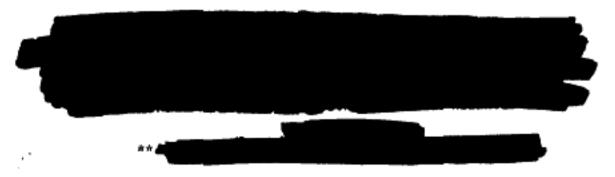
AS ONE WALTER ANTONIO ((ALVAREZ)). ALVAREZ WORKED AT ALMACENES PACIFICO IN SAN SALVADOR. ALVAREZ APPEARS TO HAVE LIVED IN LA HERMITA SECTION OF APOPA, SAN SALVADOR. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SEVERAL GUNMEN TOOK ALVAREZ AWAY FROM A

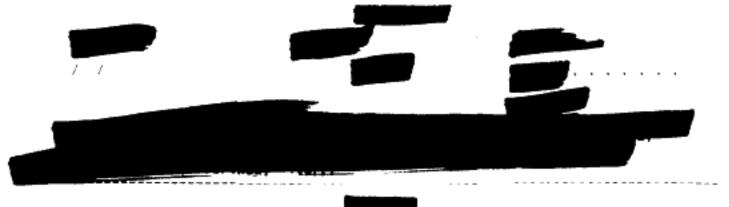
SOCCER GAME ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1981, SHOT HIM SEVERAL TIMES AND LEFT HIS BODY ON THE ROAD WHICH LEADS TO MARIONA PRISON





- C. LTC. ARISTEDES ((MARQUEZ)), FORMER CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL POLICE,
- D. LTC. MARIO DENIS ((MORAN)), NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER
  - E. INSPECTOR MISAEL ((RIVAS)) ROMERO, DETECTIVE SIGIFREDO ((PEREZ)) LINARES, JOSE LUIS ((ALAS)) ROMERO, LUIS ((RODRIGUEZ)), AND FNU ((SANTIN)), SUPPOSED MEMBERS OF DEATH SQUAD WHICH KILLED ROMERO.
  - F. LT. FRANCISCO ((AMAYA)),
    SUPPOSEDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PLANNING OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S MURDER.
  - G. CAPTAIN FNU ((VEGA)) VALENCIA, NATIONAL GUARD, WAS ACCUSED BY DOCTOR HECTOR ((REGALADO)), CHIEF OF ARENA'S PARAMILITARY UNIT, OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION, AND OF USING AN EXPLOSIVE BULLET.
- H. REGALADO IS SUSPECTED BY SOME AS BEING A CONSPIRATOR IN THE ASSASSINATION, AND OF MANUFACTURING THE EXPLOSIVE BULLET THAT KILLED ROMERO. SUPPOSEDLY, REGALADO, WHO IS A DENTIST BY PROFESSION, HAD USED HIS DENTIST TOOLS IN THE PAST TO FABRICATE SPECIAL BULLETS FOR OTHER ASSASSINATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE ARENA PARAMILITARY UNIT.

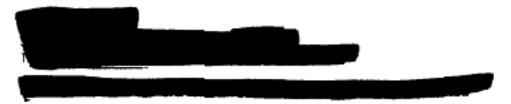




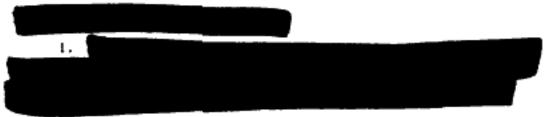
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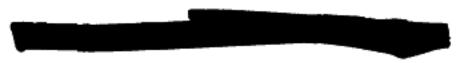
SUBJECT: TRACE REPLY ON FORMER MEMBERS OF THE SALVADORAN REVOLUTIONARY JUNTA AND CONTACTS



- 2. TRACES ON FRANCISCO ((MORAN)) INDICATE ONE COL.
  FRANCISCO ANTONIO ((MORAN)), BORN 10 NOVEMBER 1931, WAS THE
  CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE AS OF FEBRUARY 1982. ON 18
  OCTOBER 1982 PREPORTED THAT A WORSENING OF RELATIONS
  BETWEEN CARLOS REYNALDO ((LOPEZ)) NUILA, NATIONAL POLICE
  DIRECTOR AND MORAN, WAS BEGINNING TO AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN
  THE TREASURY POLICE AND THE NATIONAL POLICE.
- 3. IN LATE DECEMBER 1982
  WHOSE REPORTING IS OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY, REPORTED COL.
  HORAN HAD MAINTAINED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH MARIO
  ((REDAELLI)), SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ARENA PARTY, SINCE HID-1981,
  WHEN MORAN ADVISED REDAELLI THAT HE HAD BEEN OBSERVED PRIOR TO
  THE POLGARCITO PRINTING COMPANY BOMBING, THAT MORAN KNEW
  REDAELLI WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT, AND SUGGESTED THAT
  RAEDELLI USE MEMBERS OF THE TREASURY POLICE FOR FUTURE
  OPERATIONS. REDAELLI SAID HE HAS MAINTAINED A CLOSE
  RELATIONSHIP WITH MORAN AND TREASURY POLICE SINCE MID-1981, AND
  THAT MORAN WAS INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ANY PLANNED BOMBINGS OR
  ATTACKS.

TOLD A GROUP OF HIS CLOSE FRIENDS HE WAS WILLING TO RESIGN AND

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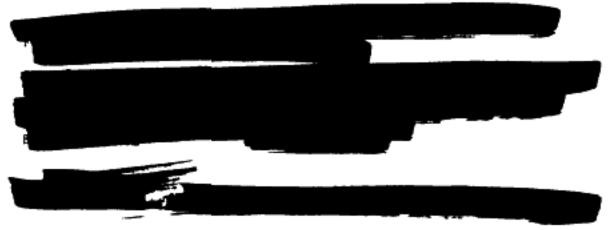


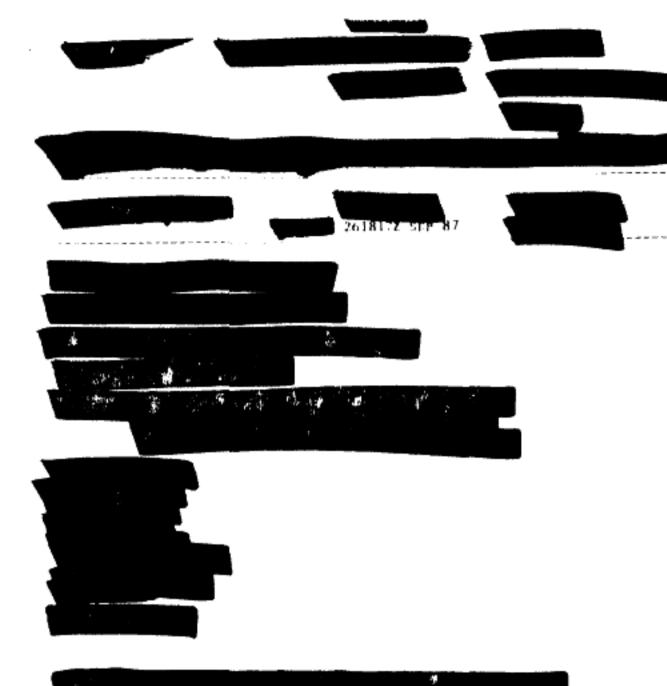


LEAVE THE ARMED FORCES ONLY IF LIEUTENANT COLONEL RENE EMILIO (CPONCE)), THEN CHIEF OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, WAS NAMED AS HIS SUCCESSOR. PONCE, WHO HAD SERVED AS MORAN'S SECOND IN COMMAND IN THE TREASURY POLICE, WAS A CLOSE FRIEND. ACCORDING TO MORAN, PONCE SHARED HIS VIEWS ON HOW THE TREASURY POLICE SHOULD BE RUN AND WOULD MAINTAIN THE TREASURY POLICE AS A NEARLY AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION WITHOUT PARTISAN POLITICAL CONNECTIONS. HORAN STATED THAT ARENA HOPED TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE TREASURY POLICE BY NAMING A SYMPATHIZER TO THE DIRECTOR'S POSITION.

FEPORTED THAT MORAN, PRESIDENT OF THE RIO LEMPA HYDROELECTRIC COMPANY (CEL), WAS PLOTTING AGAINST THE LIVES OF COLONEL ADDLEO ((BLANDON)) MEJIA, THEN COMMANDER OF FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE, AND COL. JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), AIN FORCE COMMANDER. IT WAS BELIEF THAT MORAN WAS A (LOSE FRIEND OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER, GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA))

7. ON 23 APRIL 1985,
RECEIVED INFORMATION
FORMER CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE AND THEN HEAD OF CEL, WAS VERY ACTIVE IN DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. MORAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF TWO LEFTIST GUERRILLAS RECRUITED BY THE RIGHT TO EDMNIT ASSASSINATIONS, BOMBINGS, AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. THE GUERRILLAS WERE CALLED "LOS ANGELITOS" AND HAD A NATURAL COVER AS LEFTIST GUERRILLAS. ACCORDING TO THE LIAISON SERVICE SOURCE, MORAN DID NOT MEET THEM DIRECTLY BUT USED RICARDO ANTONIO ((ROGEL)) AS HIS INTERMEDIARY.





COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: REDUCTION OF INTENSITY OF COMMANDERS FEELINGS AT

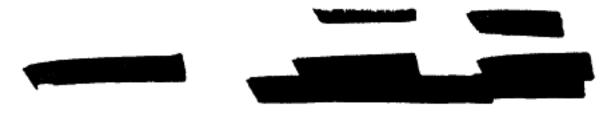
25 SEPTEMBER COMMANDERS MEETING

DO1: 25 SEPTEMBER 1987

TEXT: 1. AT THE 25 SEPTEMBER 1987 COMMANDERS' MEETING A SMALL GROUP OF COMMANDERS LAUNCHED AN AGGRESSIVE VERBAL ATTACK AGAINST THE VICE-MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY, CARLOS REYNARD ((LOPEZ))

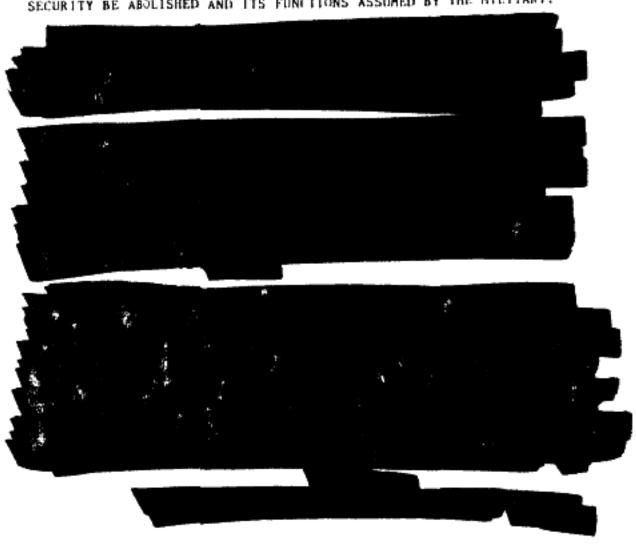


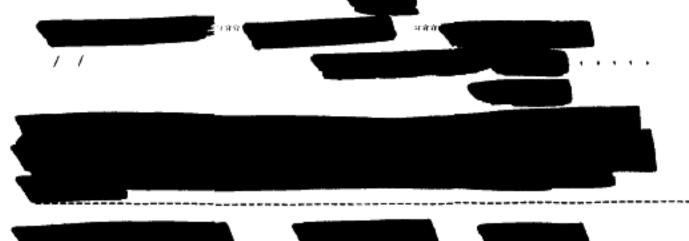
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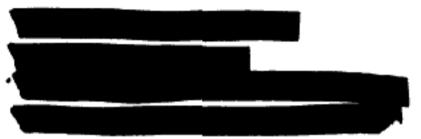
NUTEA, THE VICE MINISTRY AS AN INSTITUTION, AND THE SPECIAL IN VESTIGATIONS INTO OF THE VICE BINISTRY. THIS GROUP CONSISTED OF BRD BRIGADE COMMENCE COLONEL BENE EMILIO OPPONCED, ARCE BATTALION COMMANDER COLONEL ROBERTO MAURICIO (CSTABENDI, DM 7 COMMANDER COLONEL NAVIDAD DE JESTS ((CACERESI), DM 4 COMMANDER COLONEL HUAN CARLOS (ICARRILLO)) SCHLENKER, AND COLONEL ELMER ((GONZALEZI) ARABIO, IFTELD COMMENT: COL. GONZALES ARABDO IS CHRRENTLY UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY BY THE VICE MINISTRY FOR HIS ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN THE 1983 "LAS EGJAS" MASSACRE, ONL OF THE BELLER KNOWN HUMAN RIGHTS CASES OF THE EARLY 1980'S.) BASICALLY, THIS GROUP DEMANDED THAT:

- A. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT BE DISBANDED, OR AT LEAST COMPLETELY REORGANIZED UNDER MILITARY CONTROL.
  - B. LOYEZ NUTLA RESIGN IMMEDIATELY.
- C. THE INSTITUTION OF THE VICE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY BE ABOLISHED AND ITS FUNCTIONS ASSUMED BY THE MILITARY.



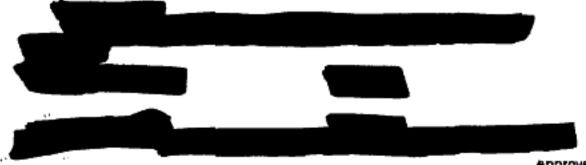


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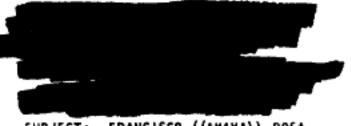
SUBJECT: - HILITARY ATTACHE OF EL SALVADOR

JOSE RICARDO ((POZO)) IS CURRENTLY SALVADORAN ATTACHE IN ASUNCION. HIS RANK IS LIEUTENANT COLONEL. FYI, THERE IS ANOTHER SALVADORAN MILITARY OFFICER IN ASUNCION. MAJOR VICTOR HUGO ((VEGA)) VALENCIA. VEGA WAS SELECTED IN JAN 86 FOR STAFF COLLEGE TRAINING IN ASUNCION. WE UNDERSTAND VEGA IS STILL IN PARAGUAY BUT DO NOT KNOW IF HIS STATUS HAS CHANGED AND WHETHER HE MIGHT NOW BE ATTACHED TO THE ATTACHE OFFICE. WE HAVE HEARD HIM REFERRED TO HERE, AT LEAST ONCE, AS "ATTACHE IN ASUNCION." VEGA VALENCIA WAS ARRESTED IN MAY 1980 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF SALVADORAN ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ((ROMERO)). VEGA VALENCIA IS DUE TO RETURN TO EL SALVADOR IMMINENTLY. UPON HIS RETURN HE WILL PROBABLY BE ARRESTED AGAIN, STILL IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROMERO CASE. HIS POSSIBLE ARREST IS IMPORTANT AS HE WILL BE THE FIRST ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICER TO BE ARRESTED IN THIS STAGE OF THE CASE AND HE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO IMPLICATE OTHER ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS IN THE ASSASSINATION.

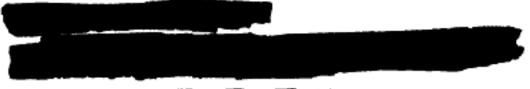


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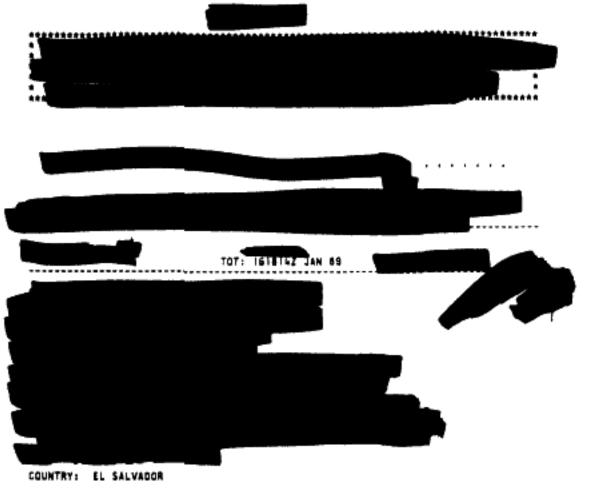
FRANCISCO ((AMAYA)) ROSA SUBJECT:



((AMAYA)) ROSAF DOB 1 NOVEMBER 1956, FROM 1983 TIME FRAME RIGHT WING DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. AMAYA WAS SUSPECTED OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ARNULFO ((ROMERO)) IN 1981, AND MAS THE TEADER OF A UNIT THAT KIDNAPPED AND EXECUTED SIX LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FOR) IN 1980. AMAYA REPORTEDLY ATTENDED A MEETING IN 1981 WITH THE CONSPIRATORS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF TWO U.S. CITIZENS IN SAN SALVADOR IN NOVEMBER 1983, AMAYA WAS PLACED ON THE AYLOS WATCHLIST FOR POSSIBLE TERRORIST



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SUBJ:

OFFER BY SALVADDRAM JUSTICE MINISTER TO FORMER DRIVER OF ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING D'AUBUISSON IN THE MURDER OF ARCH-

BISHOP ROMERO

DOI: EARLY JANUARY 1989

TEXT: 1. IN EARLY JANUARY 1888.

AND THE MATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE PARTY (ARENA)

AND THE PROPERTY OF ARENA THAT JULIO ((SAMAYOA)), JUSTICE MINISTER OF EL SALVADOR, HAS CONTACTED A MAN MAMED GRACIANO (LMU) IN MARIONA PRISON AND OFFERED LUCRATIVE INQUICEMENTS FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING D'AUBUISSON IN THE 1880 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARMULFO ROMERO. THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT GRACIANO, WHOM THE ARENA MEMBER FAILED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY BY LAST NAME, WAS D'AUBUISSON'S PERSONAL DRIVER IN 1878-1880 AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED SECURITY PROTECTION INSIDE MARIONA SINCE HIS CONFINEMENT. THE ARENA MEMBER DID HOT STATE WHY GRACIANO WAS IN PRISON OR WHEN HE ENTERED PRISON.)

2. THE ARENA MEMBER STATED THAT GRACIAND HAD ASKED "COMANDANTE", WHO IS A SALVADDRAM OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO MARIDMA AND A CLOSE ARENA CONTACT. TO INFORM OFFICIALS IN ARENA OF SAMAYOA'S OFFER. GRACIAND TOLD THAT SAMAYOA HAD OFFERED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AND RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION IMPLICATING D'AUBUISSOM IN THE ROMERO MUNDER.

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2. EL SALVAJOR: GUERRILLAS PRESS URBAN ATTACKS

SALVADORAM INSURGENTS ARE CONTINUING URBAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE WAKE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF THEIR PEACE PROPOSAL. THE MILITARY THWARTED AN ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LAST WEEK, BUT INSURGENTS IN RECENT DAYS HAVE KILLED A GOVERNOR AND ATTACKED ECONOMIC TARGETS AND THE RESIDENCES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE GUERRILLAS ALSO ARE PLANNING STRIKES AND ECONOMIC SABOTAGE THIS WEEK FOR VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE'S VISIT.

TO ATTACK THE US EMBASSY

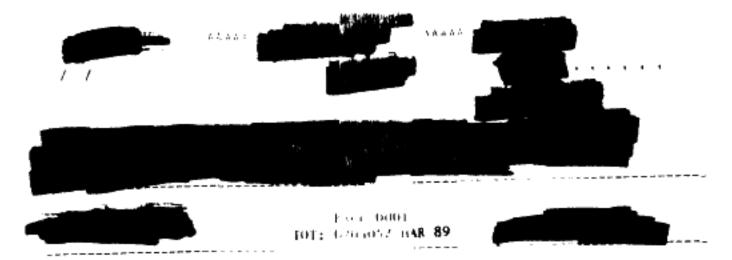
COMMENT: THE REBELS PRESUMABLY HOPE HIGH-VISIBILITY ATTACKS WILL CONVINCE SAN SALVADOR AND INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS THAT THEY REMAIN A VIABLE MILITARY AND POLITICAL FORCE. THE GUERRILLAS PROBABLY ALSO HOPE PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS WILL PROVOKE A VIOLENT RESPONSE THAT WOULD DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT AND INCREASE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON SAN SALVADOR TO CONSIDER THEIR PEACE PROPOSAL. THE INSURGENTS ARE LIKELY TO RESUME ASSASSINATING MAYORS, WHICH THEY HAD PROMISED TO STOP IF THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE PEACE PROPOSAL, AND WILL CONTINUE OTHER ACTIVITIES AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE 19 MARCH ELECTION.

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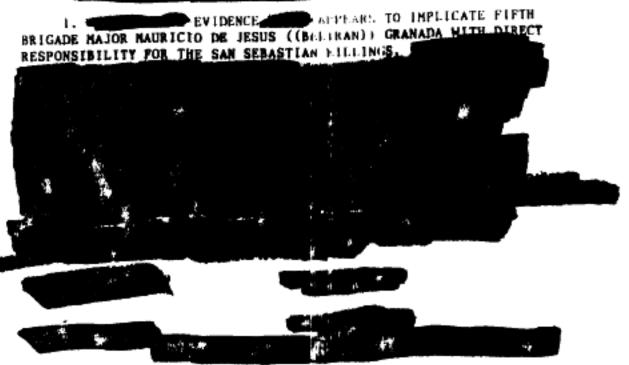
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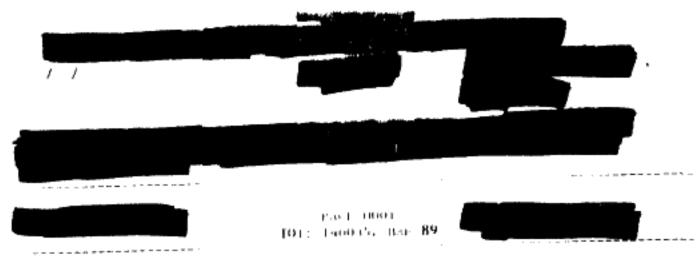


SUBJECT: HAJOR MAURICIO DE JESUS BELLIKAR GRANADA





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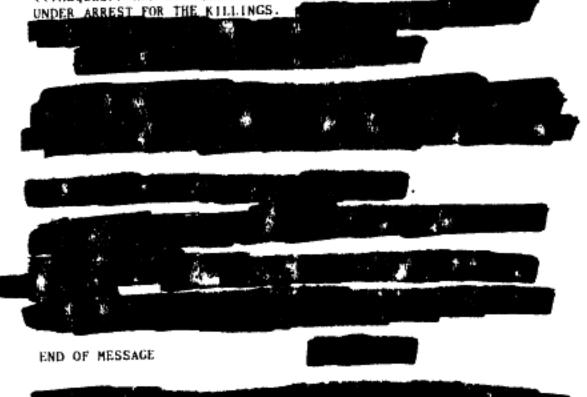




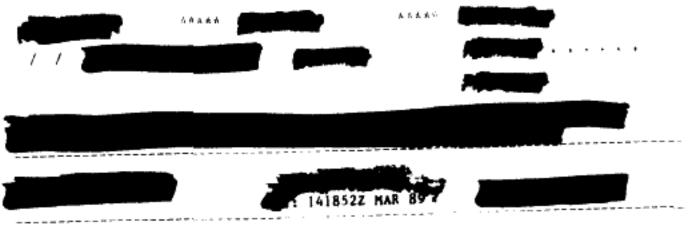
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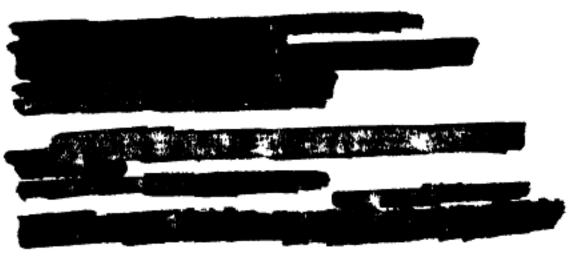


2. RECENT WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON THE "LA CEBADILLA", ALSO REFERRED TO AS FID. SAN SEBASTIAN CASE, MENTION MAJOR MAURICIO DE JESUS ((BELIRAN)), II. ARNOLDO ANTONIO ((VASQUES)) AND LT. MANUEL DE JESUS ((GALVEZ)) GALVEZ AS BEING UNDER ARREST FOR THE KILLINGS.



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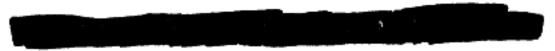
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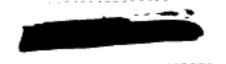
SAN SEBASTIAN CASE

DOI: 9 MARCH 1989



SUMMARY: ON 9 MARCH 1989, THE ESAF SPECIAL HONOR COMMISSION PRESENTED ITS FINDINGS IN THE SAN SEBASTIAN CASE. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, MAJOR BELTRAN, THE 5TH BRIGADE S-II, WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 21 SEPTEMBER 1988 KILLING OF 10 CIVILIANS IN SAN SEBASTIAN. THE KILLING OF THE 10 CIVILIANS, WHO WERE IN FACT INVOLVED IN FMLN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, WAS A CRIMINAL ACT AND WAS OUTSIDE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURES. MAJOR BELTRAN CONCOCTED A FALSE AMBUSH TO CAMOUFLAGE THE KILLINGS AND ORDERED THE ESAF PERSONNEL INVOLVED, WHO OPPOSED HIS ORDERS, TO CARRY OUT THE FALSE AMBUSH AND KILL THE CIVILIANS. THE COMMISSION FOUND THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BRIGADE INNOCENT OF ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE KILLINGS AND RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE RETURNED TO HIS COMMAND. THE COMMISSION PROVIDED A LIST OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS WHO





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SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE COMPETENT TRIBUNALS FOR LEGAL ACTION.

TEXT: 1. ON 9 MARCH 1989, THE SPECIAL HONOR COMMISSION COME) OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) PRESENTED ITS FINDINGS IN THE SAN SEBASTIAN CASE THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. ACCORDING TO THE SHC'S REPORT, THE SAN SEBASTIAN KILLINGS WERE FOUND IT BE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF MAJOR MAURICIO DE JESUS ((BELIKAN)) GRANADOS, THE 5TH INPANTRY BRIGADE S-II. THE SHC ALSO FOUND THAT THE 10 PERSONS KILLED HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) BUT THE IR KILLING WAS A CRIMINAL ACT.

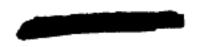
2. THE SHC'S REPORT PROVIDES AS BACKGROUND TO THE FINDINGS THE STORY AS ORIGINALLY PUT OUT BY MAJOR BELTRAN AND A LIST OF ALL THE PERSONS INTERVIEWED BY THE SHC. THE REPORT THEN PROVIDES A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS, BASED ON THE INTERVIEWS, AND THE SHC'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

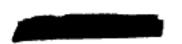
## A. PRECIS OF ACTUAL EVENTS:

COMPANY OF THE "JIBOA" BATTALION OF THE 5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, UNDER THE COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT ARNOLDO ANTONIO ((VASQUEZ)) ALVARENGA, WHICH HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS, RECEIVED THE ORDER TO CAPTURE A SUPPOSED INSURGENT NAMED JOSE MARLIA ((FLORES)) WHO RESIDED IN THE TOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN SEBASTIAN JURISDICTION. THIS MISSION WAS CARRIED OUT AND THE CAPTURED INSURGENT WAS RELIEVED OF TWO M-16 RIFLES, EXPLOSIVES, PROPAGANDA, AND TWO BLACK UNIFORMS WHICH HE HAD IN THAT PLACE. AT APPROXIMATELY 0730 HOURS LOCAL ON 21 SEPTEMBER, 1ST LIEUTENANT NANUEL DE JESUS ((GALVEZ)) GALVEZ, COMMANDER OF THE 2ND COMPANY, MET UP WITH THE 2ND SECTION, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS COMMAND GROUP; HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE CAPTURE FROM HIS SECTION COMMANDER.

-BASED ON THE INTERROGATION OF THE CAPTURED INSURGENT, THREE OTHER SUSPECTED PERSONS WERE DETAINED; WHILE THIS WAS BEING CARRIED OUT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER (30-40) OF PEOPLE HAD BEEN GATHERED IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, WHICH LID TO THE TOWN OF LA CEBADILLA. THESE PERSONS HAD BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER SO THAT THE MILITARY COULD COMMUNICATE TO THEM THE MILITARY'S CONCERN THAT THEY WERE BEING USED BY THE FMLN FOR TERRORISTIC PURPOSES.







-AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 HOURS LOCAL ON THE LOW DAY, MAJOR BELTRAN ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. BELTRAN IS THE S 11 OF THE 5TH BRIGADE. BELTRAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO INTERROGATORS OF BEHIVED BY HELICOPTER.

TAS A RESULT OF THE INTERROGATIONS OF THE PROPERTY. SIX MORE PERSONS WERE DETAINED, MAKING A TOTAL OF 10.

-BETWEEN 1300-1400 HOURS LOCAL, MAJOR BELLMAN LOOK THE DECISION TO KILL THE 10 PERSONS AND WAS OPPOSED IN THIS DITURNO BY THE TWO LIEUTENANTS, WHO MAINTAINED HIS WAS AN ILLEGAL ORDER WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE THE MILITARY PERSONNEL. FROM THAT MOMINI ON, MAJOR BELTRAN ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE UNIT AND BEGAN GIVING DIRECT ORDERS TO SUBORDINATES. HE ORDERED SGT. JORGE ALBERTO ((TOBAR)) GAZMAN TO GO ALONG THE ROAD TO LA CEBADILLA AND SET UP AN AMBUSH USING THE CAPTURED EQUIPMENT.

-SGT. GUZMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY SOME SOLDIERS, ISTABLISHED THE AMBUSH AT APPROXIMATELY 1530 HOURS LOCAL. THE CIVILIANS WERE LED BY VARTOUS HEMBERS OF THE TROOP TO THE SELECTED LOCATION. A MINE WAS EXPLODED AND A HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN, RESULTING IN AN UNDILIERMINED NUMBER OF DEAD BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE CIVILIANS WOUNDED, WHO WERE THEN KILLED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNIT ON THE ORDERS OF MAJOR BILLTRAN.

-A POSTER AND SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA WERE LEFT IN THE PLACE WHERE THE DEAD WERE TO JUSTIFY OR SIMULATE AN INSURGENT AMBUSH. THE LEG OF ONE SOLDIER WAS SMEARED WITH BLOOD AND HE WAS EVACUATED TO THE BRIGADE ON THE ORDERS OF MAJOR BELTRAN. IN THAT SAME HELICOPTER WAS TRANSPORTED THE CAPTURED EQUIPMENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXPLOSIVES WHICH WERE LATER DESTROYED.

-DURING THE FOLLOWING DAYS, HAJOR BELTRAM SPREAD THE FALSE VERSION OF EVENTS AND ORDERED ALL SUBORDINATE PERSONNEL TO STICK TO THAT STORY.

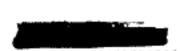
-IN ORDER TO LEND CREDENCE TO HIS FALSE VERSION OF EVENTS, MAJOR BELTRAN SELECTED A SOLDIER WOUNDED IN ANOTHER OPERATION TO PRESENT AS THE SOLDIER ALLEGEDLY WOUNDED IN THE SUPPOSED AMBUSH. THIS VERSION OF EVENTS IS BASED ON THE SPONTANEOUS DECLARATIONS MADE TO THE SHC BY THE MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE SCENE.

## B. CONCLUSIONS:

THE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1988, IN THE TOWN OF SAN FRANCISCO, SAN SEBASTIAN, SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT, WERE NOT THE RESULT OF AN INSURGENT AMBUSH BUT INVOLVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE 5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.







THE 10 PERSONS DETAINED AT THAT TIME AND WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY KILLED, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION OBTAINED AND THE MATERIAL CAPTURED, WERE INVOLVED IN PARTICIPATING IN FMIN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

"PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, THAT IS TO SAY THE DECISION AND PLANNING OF THE CRIMINAL ACT, FALLS ON MAJOR BELTRAN.

-ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EXECUTION OF THE EVENTS WERE:

- LT. ARNOLDO VASQUEZ ALVARENGA
- SGT. JORGE ALBERTO TOBAR GUZMAN
- SGT. RAFAEL ((ROSALES)) VILLALOBOS
- CPL. HERNAN ((AYALA)) ARIAS
- PVT. JOSE CARLOS ((HERNANDEZ)) HATUTE
- PVT. FRANCISCO ((PONCE)) RAMIREZ
- PVT. FERMIN ((CRUZ)) CASTRO
- PVT. JOSE ALFREDO ((MENDEZ)) BELTRAN

ALTHOUGH THESE PERSONS COULD BE CHARGED LEGALLY WITH THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, THIS WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED AS, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SHC, AT NO TIME DID THEY SUPPORT THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY MAJOR BELTRAN, BUT ON THE CONTRARY OPPOSED HIS ORDERS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MILITARY HIERARCHY. THEIR ACTIONS CAN BE EXPLAINED BY THE DAMAGING EFFECTS AND THE DYNAMIC OF THIS WAR AND IN THE DIFFICULT BALANCE BETWEEN SUBORDINATION TO COMMAND AND CARRYING OUT ILLEGAL ORDERS.

-THE ACTS CARRIED OUT CONSTITUTE A GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE NORMAL OPERATING PROCEDURE WHICH REGULATES THE ARRESTS MADE BY PERSONNEL OF THE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ARMED PORCES.

-THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BRIGADE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AT ANY TIME OF THE REALITY OF THE EVENTS UNTIL HIS INTERVIEW BY THIS COMMISSION.

THESE KINDS OF ACTIONS, WHICH BY THEIR NATURE ARE ISOLATED TO AND ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PERSONS WHO CARRIED THEM OUT, ARE UNJUSTIFIABLY PREJUDICIAL TO THE INSTITUTION AS A WHOLE AND AFFECT THE ACHIEVEMENTS HADE BY THE MILITARY IN RECENT YEARS IN THE AREAS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY DO, HOWEVER, INDICATE THE NEED FOR A REVIEW OF MILITARY POLICY IN THESE MATTERS IN ORDER TO RENEW EFFORTS AND TO REACH THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVELS (OF PROFESSIONALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS).

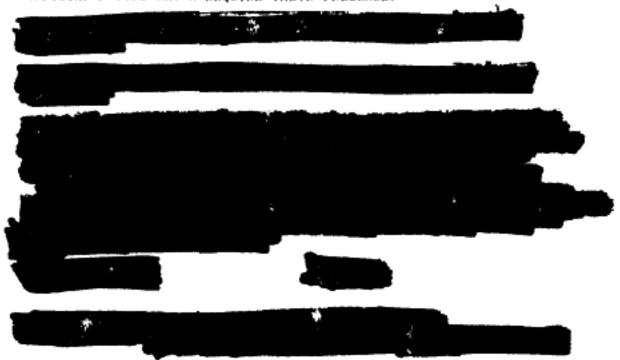


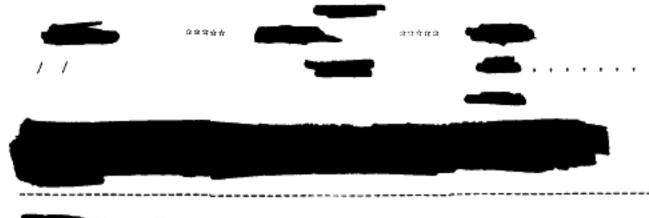


THAT THE PERSONS INDICATED HEREIN BE PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE COMPETENT TRIBUNALS SO THAT RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE LAW.

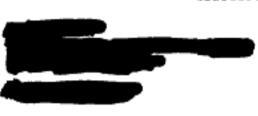
-THAT IN THE PERIODICAL REVIEW OF THE INSTITUTIONAL POLICY REGARDING PROFESSIONALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, NEW CONCRETE MEASURES, THE STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE PURVIEW OF THIS COMMISSION, BE EVALUATED AND ESTABLISHED PROMPTLY.

-THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BRIGADE BE IMMEDIATELY RESTORED TO HIS COMMAND AND THE PERSONNEL NOT MENTIONED ABOVE BE RETURNED TO THEIR MILITARY DUTIES ONCE THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE JUDICIAL DUTIES WHICH REQUIRE THEIR PRESENCE.





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1. ACTION REQUESTED: NONE, FYI.

((MARQUEZ)) CAMPOR REQUESTED TRACES ON ARISTIDES ALFONSO

ON 14 NOVEMBER 1987, AND RECENTLY UPDATED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL 1983 INFORMATION MISSING FROM MARQUEZ' FILE WHEN THE 1987 TRACES WERE DONE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO IS REPEATED BELOW, FYI.

A. BEGIN QUOTE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DATED DECEMBER

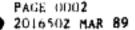
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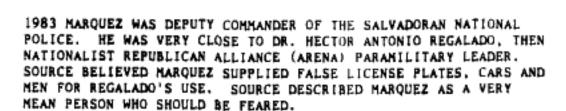
ARISTIDES MARQUEZ, WHO IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, WAS
HEAD OF THE RIGHTWING DEATH SQUAD IN THE NATIONAL POLICE, WHICH
HAD ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS, INCLUDING THE
MARCH 1981 HURDER OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO.

EXISTED WITHIN THE NATIONAL POLICE SINCE DECEMBER 1979. A)D HAD ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS. THE SQUAD MAINTAINED A CLANDESTINE PRISON IN THE CITY F LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR. THE PRISON WAS USED FOR DETENTION, INTERROGATION, AND EXECUTION OF SUSPECTED LEFTISTS AND LEFTIST SYMPATHIZERS. THE GROUP WAS HEADED BY LT. COL. ARISTIDES MARQUEZ, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, WHO WAS CHIEF OF THE INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICE.

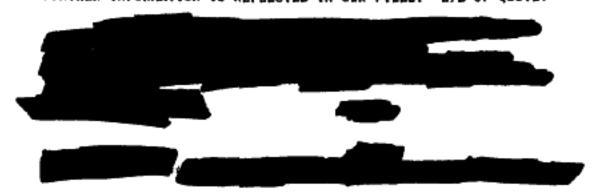
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D. SOMETIME AFTER JOSE N. DUARTE FUENTES INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR, MARQUEZ WAS ASSIGNED TO PANAMA CITY AS MILITARY ATTACHE. THIS ASSIGNMENT OUTSIDE OF SALVADOR WAS PROBABLY DUE TO MARQUEZ' ALLEDGED INVOLVEMENT I) DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITIES. COL. MARQUEZ WAS ACCREDITED AS SALVADORAN DEFENSE ATTACHE TO CHILE IN FEBRUARY 1988. HE WAS DOWNGRADED FROM A COLONEL TO A CAPTAIN ASSIGNED AS LIAISON OFFICER TO THE CHILEAN ARMY -- A MOVE ATTRIBUTED TO "NEEDS OF THE SERVICE". WHILE ASSIGNED TO CHILE HE REPORTEDLY WAS MARRIED TO ANA ELISA HIRELERMANN DE MARQUEZ, DOB 1 OCTOBER, YEAR UNKNOWN. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS REFLECTED IN OUR FILES. E)D OF QUOTE.





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DEALER OF ARREST INC. HOR FOR IN EL SALVACCIA

2. AS FOLLOW UP GUSTAVO (((SLAS)) CACERES.

ARGENTINE NATIONAL AND MEDICAL DOCTOR, WAS KILLED IN AN AFTAIR
ON 9 APRIL 1989 BY SALVADORAN AIR FORCE (LYMENTS ON A SUSPECTIO
CENTRAL COMMAND POST OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF CENTRAL
AMERICAN WORKERS (PRTC.) IN NORTHERN SAN VICENTE DEPARTMENT.
THE PRTC (S ONE OF THE FIVE FACTIONS MAKING UP THE FARABUNDO
MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FALM). AN ARMED MARXIST
LENINIST INSURGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING THE DOVERNMENT OF
EL SALVADOR FOR OVER 10 YEARS. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN ALLE
GATIONS BY THE FILM AND ITS FRONT GROUPS THAT THE SITE OF THI
ATTACK WAS A FIELD HOSPITAL, HOLLS OF FILM TAKEN AT THE SITE
AND DEVELOPED INDICATE THAT IT WAS A GUERRILLA BASE CAMP AND
CENTRAL COMMAND POST. THE FILM SHOWS THAT ISLAS AND THE FRENCH
HURSE WERE ARMED AND IN INHIFORM AT THE TIME THEY DIED

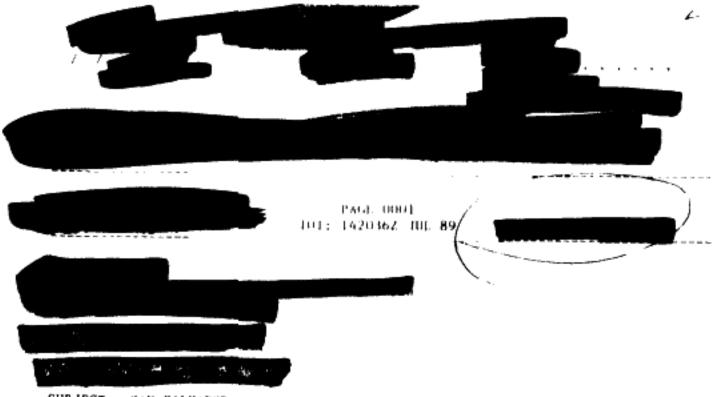
ISLAS WAS LOENTIFIED BY SOME LETTERS HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION

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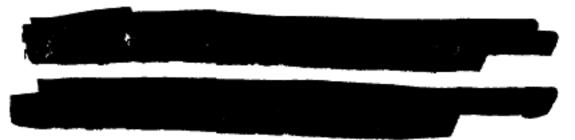
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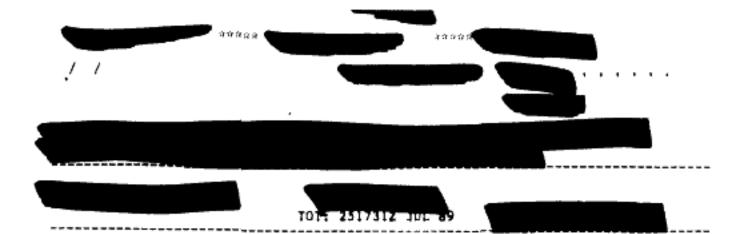
SUBJECT: SAN SALVADOR HAYOR CARLOS ALFONSO FIGUERO MORALES

ACTION REQUESTED: NONE, FYL.

2. REPORTED SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE OF SAN SALVADOR MAYOR, CARLOS ALFONSO ((FIGUEROA)) MORALES ON 24 JUNE 1989. SINCE ARMANDO ((CALDERON)) SOL IS THE SAN SALVADOR MAYOR, HQS BELIEVES FIGUEROA MORALES IS AN EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE SAN SALVADOR MAYOR'S DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING ARE TRACES ON FIGUEROA MORALES, DOB 12 APRIL 1952:



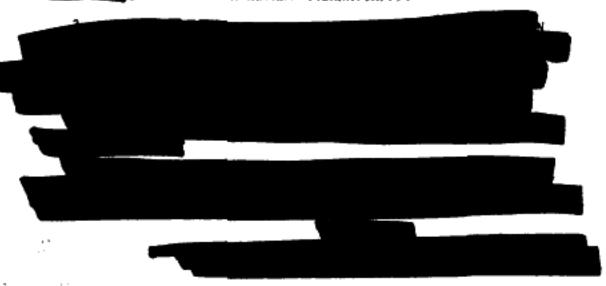
CAPTAIN CARLOS ALFONSO ((MORALES))
FIGUEROA (NOTE REVERSAL OF NAMES), AN EX-COMPANY COMMANDER OF
MILITARY DETACHMENT SIX AT SONSONATE, IMPLICATED IN LAS HOJAS
MASSACRE OF PEASANTS WAS ARRESTED AND UNDER DETENTION IN THE
GENERAL STAFF. THE ARREST AND DETENTION WERE ILLEGAL DUE TO
ARRESTING OFFICERS' FAILURE TO GIVE HIM FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF
THE PURPOSE OF ARREST. SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED AN AUTHENTIC HERO
BECAUSE HE HAS AT LEAST FIVE BAITLE WOUNDS. IS A DECORATED AND
HIGHLY RESPECTED FIGHTING OFFICER.

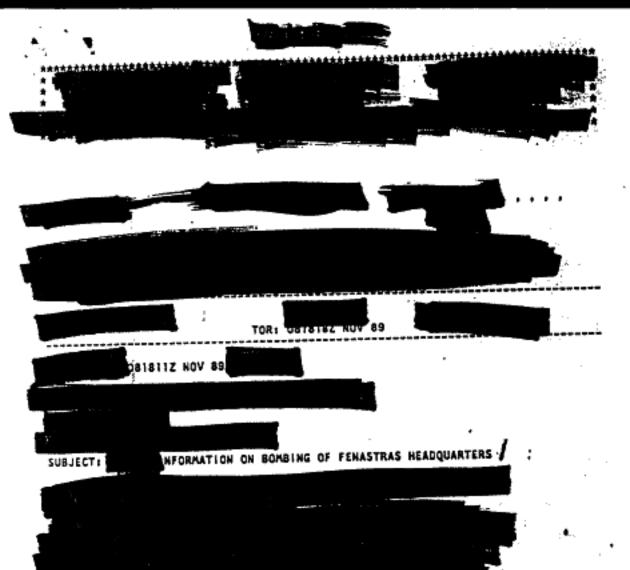


SUBJECT: - U.S. TELEVISION
APPEARANCE BY FORMER PRESIDENT DUARTE DENOUNCING
THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT CRISTIANI

1. ON MORNING OF 25 JULY 1989 WAS ADVISED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SOURCING, THAT FORMER PRESIDENT DUARTE MAY APPEAR ON CHANNEL 55, EVENING OF 25 JULY, TO DENOUNCE GOVERNMENT OF CRISTIANI, THE ARENA PARTY, AND NAMING THE KILLER AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE 1980 MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO.

2. SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN CRISTIANI ON SPANISH U.S. CHANNEL "UNIVISION" EVENING OF 24 JULY, AND THAT DUARTE REITERATED SAME INFORMATION HE HAD MADE PUBLIC EARLIER IN EL SALVADOR: THAT ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WAS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR OF THE ROMERO ASSASSINATION, THAT THE WEAPON WAS FIRED BY ((REGALADO)), AND THAT ((SARAVIA)) HEADED THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION (PROBABLY HECTOR ANTONIO ((REGALADO)) HERRERA AND CAPTAIN ALVARO ((SARAVIA))).





THE 31 OCTOBER EXPLOSION AT FENASTRAS HEADQUARTERS, NATIONAL POLICE BOMB SQUAD TECHNICIANS CONDUCTED A PERIPHERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE BLAST.

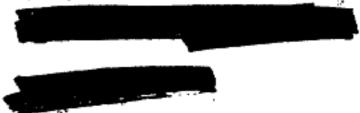
DOMMENT: FENASTRAS REPRESENTATIVES DENIED ENTRY TO A TEAM OF DETECTIVES FROM THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT AND TO A TEAM FROM THE NATIONAL POLICE INVESTIGATION BATTALION.) THE BOMB SQUAD OBSERVED THAT THE BOMB DETONATED ON THE CEMENT PASSAGEMAY LOCATED BETWEEN THE MAIN ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY, AND THE OUTER MASONRY WALL OF THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE BOMB SQUAD ESTIMATED THE CRATER CAUSED BY THE EXPLOSION TO BE 80 CENTIMETERS IN DIAMETER AND 30 CENTIMETERS DEEP. THE BLAST EXPANSION WAVE CAUSED INTERIOR DAMAGE TO THE TWO-STORY BUILDING AND TO THE BUILDING'S ROOF. \*\*

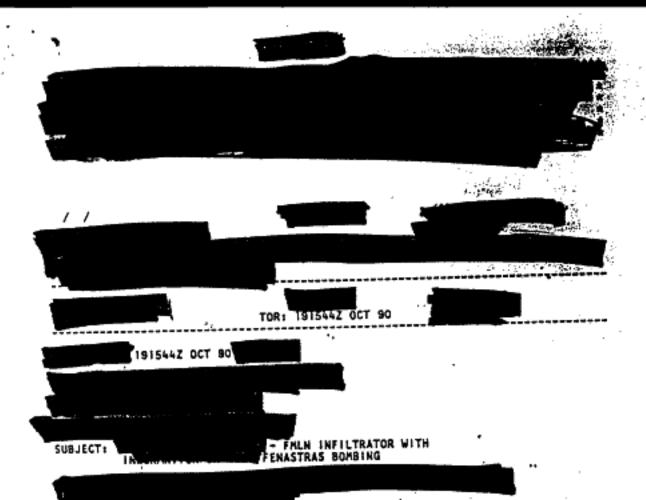
4. THE BLAST HURLED DEBRIS FROM THE OUTER MASONRY WALL AWAY FROM THE BUILDING AND INTO THE STREET. THE STEEL SLIDING ORIVEWAY GATE WAS ALSO HURLED APPROXIMATELY SIX METERS ACROSS THE STREET. IN ADDITION, THE BLAST THREW A PICK-UP TRUCK, WHICH HAD BEEN PARKED IN FRONT OF FENASTRAS, TWO METERS ACROSS THE STREET. THE BLAST ALSO CAUSED DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FENASTRAS HEADQUARTERS. BASED ON THE EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGES AND THE SIZE OF THE CRATER, THE BOMB SQUAD TECHNICIANS DEDUCED THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS CAUSED BY A BOMB COMPOSED OF APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES, PROBABLY TNT.

5. THE BOMB SQUAD ALSO INTERVIEWED A STREET VENDOR.
VICTOR MANUEL ((RAMIREZ)). WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN TWO MALES APPROACH THE STEEL GATE TO THE FENASTRAS DRIVEWAY PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION. ACCORDING TO RAMIREZ, THE GATE WAS PARTIALLY OPENED. THE FIRST MALE REMAINED OUTSIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY AND THE SECOND MALE, WHO WAS CARRYING A CLOTH BAG, BENT DOWN AND DEPOSITED THE BAG INSIDE THE GATE ON THE DRIVEWAY. RAMIREZ CLAIMED THAT SOON THEREAFTER HE SAW A SMALL PUFF OF SMOKE WHERE THE SECOND MALES WAS STANDING. ACCORDING TO RAMIREZ, THE MEN THEN FLED THE AREA.

HE CLAIMED THAT ONE OF THE MEN ALERTED PASSERSBY THAT A BOMB WAS SET TO GO OFF. COMMENT: BOMB SQUAD TECHNICIANS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION FROM RANIREZ, BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIM. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL POLICE, OTHER PEOPLE AT THE SCENE OF THE BLAST HAVE ALSO HEARD THIS STORY ABOUT THE TWO MEN.)

G. AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING, NINE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND OVER 50 WOUNDED. THOSE KILLED WERE JOSE DANIEL ((LOPEZ)) MELENDEZ, THE FENASTRAS SECRETARY OF CONFLICTS: VICENTE SALVADOR ((MELGAR)), AN ANDA WORKERS UNION (SETA) MEMBER; ROSA HILDA ((SARAVIA)) DE ELIAS, A FENASTRAS MEMBER; JULIA TATIANA ((MENDOZA)) AGUIRRE, A FENASTRAS MEMBER; LUIS EDGARDO ((VASQUEZ)) MARQUEZ, A FENASTRAS MEMBER; FEBE ELIZABETH ((VELASQUEZ)) RAMIREZ, THE FENASTRAS SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND MUNTS AND MPTL MEMBER; RICARDO HUMBERTO ((CESTONI)), VELASQUEZ' HUSBAND; ANA PATRICIA ((CHACON)), A 13-YEAR-OLD; CARMEN CATALINA ((HERNANDEZ)) RAMOS, AN UNTS MEMBER; AND JUAN MANUEL ((TEJADA)) ROSALES, AM UNTS MEMBER,

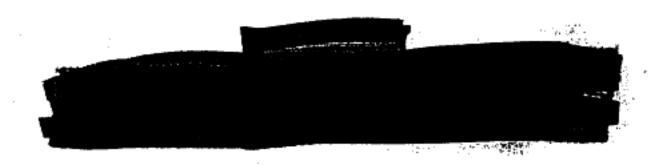




- 2. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1890, THE SALVADORAN MATIONAL GUARD (GN)
  RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED HUMAN SOURCE INFORMATION THAT THE IMMEDIATE
  REACTION BATTALION (BIRI) "BELLOSO" HAD 26 FMLM INFILTRATORS WITHIN
  ITS RANKS. THE SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS.
  THE GN SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO BIRI BELLOSO.
- 3. ON 15 OCTOBER 1990, WHILE ON OPERATIONS IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT, A BIRI BELLOSO SOLDIER, SAUL ERNESTO ((ARIAS)) FERRUFINO, WAS REPORTED MISSING BY HIS UNIT. HE WAS CAPTURED TWO HOURS LATER BY ANOTHER BIRI BELLOSO UNIT. AFTER FIRST CLAIMING HE HAD MERELY BEEN LOST, ARIAS LATER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO DESERT.
- 4. BECAUSE OF THE GN REPORT: THE BIRI BELLOSO COMMANDER DECIDED TO SEND ARIAS TO THE GN FOR INVESTIGATION/INTERROGATION. DURING QUESTIONING BY THE GN, ARIAS MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO DESERT BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN MISTREATED BY HIS SERGEANT. THE GN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (D-2) ORDERED A POLYGRAPH FOR ARIAS RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE INSURGENTS. ARIAS FAILED THIS POLYGRAPH.
- 5. WHILE THE POLYGRAPHER WHO ADMINISTERED THE TEST LEFT THE ROOM TO WRITE UP THE REPORT, THE OTHER POLYGRAPHER ENTERED THE ROOM AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF A "HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION" AND ADVISED ARIAS TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH. ARIAS THEN ADMITTED THAT HE JUTNED THE HATIONAL FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN TRADE UNIONS (FENASTRAS) IN JANUARY 1989 AND LATER BECAME AFFILIATED WITH THE PRIC. HE SAID THAT IN APRIL 1990 TWO INSURGENTS ("CARLOS" AND "WALTER") GAVE HIM THE MISSION OF INFILTRATING THE BIRI BELLOSO, FOR WHICH THEY WOULD PAY HIM 1,300 COLONES A MONTH.
- 6. FOLLOWING THIS ADMISSION, AREAS WAS SENT BACK TO THE GNO

AT 1120 HOURS 31 OCTOBER 1989 IN THE COMPANY OF OTHER PRIC MEMBERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR. "JORGE," "ANA," "WALTER," "CARLOS," "SILVIA," AND "ROSA," HE WENT TO FENASTRAS HOS WHERE CARLOS AND ROSA ENTERED AND PLACED A BOMB IN-THE HOS WHILEHED THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUP PROVIDED "SECURITY" OUTSIDE. CARLOS WAS CARRYING A BLACK BRIEFGASE OR SMALL SUITCASE, IN WHICH THE BOMS WAS CONCEALED. IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLACING THE BOMB, THEY WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY. ARIAS STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW FOR WHAT REASONS THE BOMB WAS PLACED AT FENASTRAS, HOR WHO ORDERED IT.

7. THE GN SUBSEQUENTLY ADMINISTERED A SECOND POLYGRAPH WHICH SHOWED HO DECEPTION INDICATED RE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE VERACITY



OF ARIAS' STATEMENTS THAT THE INSURGENTS PLACED THE BOMB. THERE WAS DECEPTION INDICATED TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ARIAS WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED (OTHER THAN PROVIDING SECURITY) IN THE BOMBING (HE ANSWERED NO).

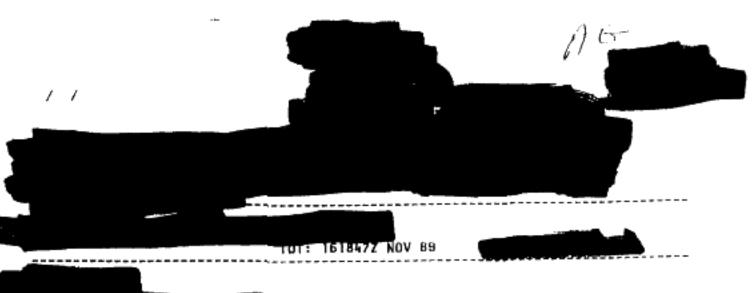


9. ADVISED THE LEGAL ATTACHE IN GENERAL TERMS OF THIS INFORMATION. HE INTENDS TO SUGGEST THAT THE CASE BE TURNED OVER TO THE GOES, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT (SIU). THE LEGAL ATTACHE NOTED THAT AN FBI POLYGRAPH TEAM WILL VISIT SAN SALVADOR IN THE NEAR EUTURE AND COULD POSSIBLY BE USED IN THIS CASE.









SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ASSASSINATION

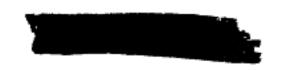
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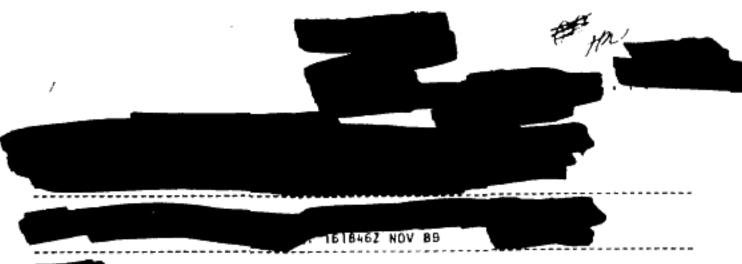
INFORMATION ON REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF

- 2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT RECTOR OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, DR. IGNACIO ELLACURIA, WAS ASSASSINATED ALONG WITH OTHER PRIESTS. BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL INTEREST, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE STATION MIGHT HAVE ON THIS.
- 3. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE PERPETRATORS WORE POLICE UNIFORMS A GROUP OF INSURGENTS HAD 25 NATIONAL POLICE UNIFORMS TO WEAR DURING SOME OF THEIR OPERATIONS. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL.

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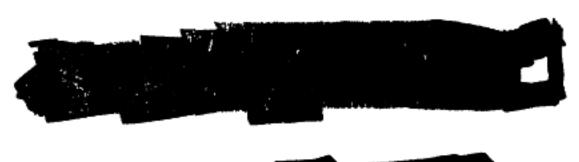




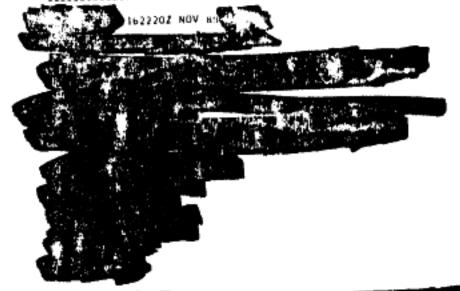
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NINE OTHER UCA OFFICIALS APPARENTLY STAYING WITH HIM WERE SHOT AND KILLED DURING THE NIGHT OF 16-17 NOVEMBER BY UNKNOWN PARTIES. HIS HOUSE WAS RANSACKED."

"THE ULTRA RIGHT IN ARENA HAS STEADILY LOST INFLUENCE IN THE PARTY SINCE THE ELECTION OF CRISTIANI, AND IT WOULD REQUIRE A MAJOR REVERSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FORTUNES FOR THE ULTRA RIGHT TO BEGIN TO REGAIN ITS PAST INFLUENCE."



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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1430 HOURS LOCAL TIME

DOI: 16 NOVEMBER 1989

TEXT: A U.S. EMBASSY ARMORED VEHICLE TRAVELING ON THE ROAD FROM ILOPANGO AIR BASE INTO SAN SALVADOR WAS STRUCK BY A RIFLE ROUND WHILE PASSING NEAR THE SOYAPANGO AREA. THE U.S. EMBASSY OFFICER PLOINS IN THE CAR AND THE CAR'S DRIVER WERE UNHARMED.

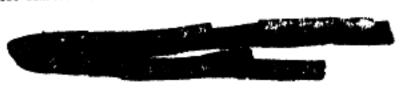
2. AT GO30 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 16 NOVEMBER. THE UNIVERSITY
OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) RECTOR. (GNACIO ((ELLACURIA)). UCA
VICE RECTOR IGNACIO ((MARTIN-BARG)) AND FOUR OTHER PRIESTS
HERE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS AT ELLACURIA'S RESIDENCE
NEAR THE UCA CAMPUS. THE COOK AND DAUGHTER WERE ALSO KILLED.
THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS HAS GAINED ACCESS
TO THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS AND IS REPORTING ELLACURIA'S DEATH.
THE SALVADORAN SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (SIU) IS INVESTIGATING
THE CASE. INFORMALLY. SALVADORAN ALLITARY
OFFICIALS HAVE BLAMED THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION
FRONT FOR ELLACURIA'S KILLING. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED
SUBSPONIENTLY AS THEY AFCOME BY LIBBLE.)

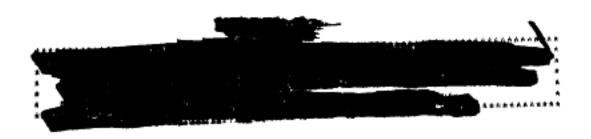
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HEADQUARTERS IN CUSCATANCINGO DURING THE NIGHT OF 16 - 16
NOVEMBER: HOWEVER, AS OF 1015 LOCAL TIME ON 16 NOVEMBER, THE
POLICE HAD REGAINED CONTROL OF THE BUILDING. THERE HAS BEEN
CONTINUOUS GUNFIRE IN THE AREA OF THE NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS

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AND THE TREASURY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN SAN SALVADOR. SEPARATURE,"
THE FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE DAY POSITIONED FORE TOSAN HOMITZERS
NORTH OF THE FIRST BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS TO SUPPORT ELAR FRENCH
FIGHTING IN THE NORTHERN SCHORPS OF SAN SALVADOR.

4. DURING FIGHTING IN SOYAPANGO ON 184 AFTEHNOON OF IS NOVEMBER, AIR FORCE ELEMENT'S SUFFERING FIGHT MOUNDED AND CONFIRMED OF INSURGENT'S KILLED. AIR FORCE BETTE REALISED SOYAPANGO IN THE EARLY MONNING HOURS OF TO NOVEMBER, SUPPORTED BY AIR FORCE BETTEVES INATINSURGENTS WHO HAD BEEN HOLDING POSITIONS IN URBANIZATION FOR CONACASTES IN SOYAPANGO HAD MOVED TO LOUGHTA GUADALUPE. INC. BELLOSO IMMEDIATE REACTION INFANERY HALLALION IS STILL POSITION ORTH OF THE

5. THE INTERNATIONAL HED CHOSS HAS CALLED FOR A TRUCK TO ALLOW THE RED CROSS AND DINKE ROMANITATION ORGANIZATIONS TO EVACUATE MOUNDED FROM THE CUNFFILLIVE AREAS. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT A TRUCK HILL BE CALLED.

G. SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) HAS AGAIN CONDEMNED CUBAN AND NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO THE FMLN. CRISTIANI CLASSIFIED THE FMLN AFTACKS AS ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST DEFENSELESS PEOPLE AND STATED THAT IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN SUPPORT SUCH ACTS. HE HAS AGAIN CALLED UPON THE CIVILIAN POPULATION TO HEMAIN CALM AND TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. ALSO. COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT OSCAR ((ARIAS)) HAS CONDEMNED THE FMLN OFFENSIVE AND IS URGING THE FMLN TO GO TO CARACAS ON 20 HOVEMBER AND TO RESUME THE REGOTIATION PROCESS BEGUN IN SEPTEMBER.

7. AS OF THE EVENING OF 15 HOVEMBER, AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF INSURGENTS WERE IM A GULLY IN COLONIA LAS MAGNOLIAS IN THE AYUTUKTEPEQUE/CUSCATANCINGO ARIA AND WERE USING THE GULLY AS A STAGING AREA. THEY APPEARED TO BE ABLE TO COME AND GO FROM THIS AREA AT WILL; THERE WAS NO COMBAT IN THE AREA.

CONTROL OF CIUDAD DELGADO AS OF LATE 15 NOVEMBER. THE INSURGENTS SEEMED TO BE ENTERING AND LEAVING CIUDAD DELGADO AT WILL. ALSO, A MEMBER OF THE SALVADORAN GREEN CROSS STATED THAT THE INSURGENTS

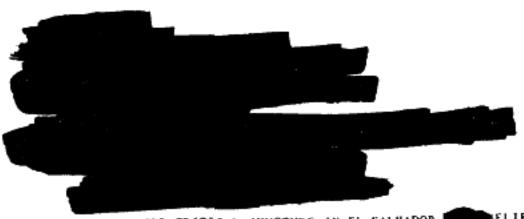
APPEARED TO BE IN CONTROL IN APOPA, NORTH OF SAN SALVADOR, AS OF LATE 15 NOVEMBER. INSURGENTS IN APOPA WERE MOUNTING REGULAR FOOT PATROLS IN THE JOHN.

SEER TO CORROBORATE THE ABOVE INFORMATION THAT THE INSURGENTS ARE IN CONTROL OF APOPA.)

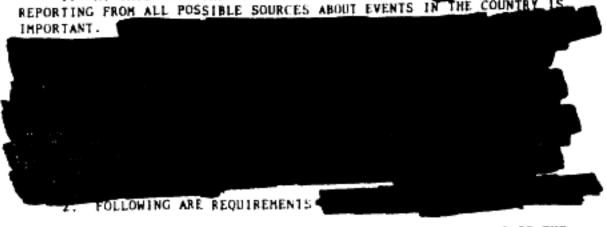
B. ESAF ELEMENTS BATTLING INSURGENTS IN MEJICANOS ARE REPORTING THAT PROGRESS AGAINST THE INSURGENTS IS SLOW. CIVILIANS IN MEJICANOS AND OTHER MORTHERN SAN SALVADOR SUBURBS ARE TRYING TO LEAVE THE AREAS; HOWEVER, THE INSURGENTS OF ALLOWING THEM TO LEAVE. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR. ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST BRIGADE FOUND A CAR FILLED WITH MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. THE CAR LOOKED LIKE A PRESS CAR. THE CAR HAD THE LETTERS "T.V." IN ITS WINDOW. MOST PRESS ELEMENTS IN EL SALVADOR PUT THE LETTERS "T.V." IN THEIR CAR MINDOWS TO CLEABLY LOENTIEY THEMSELVES TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INSURGENTS.

8. ON 15 NOVEMBER, PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY LEADER
"JOAQUIN VILLALOBOS" SPOKE DURING A "RADIO VENCEREMOS" BHOADCAST
AND URGED THE INSURGENIS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING.

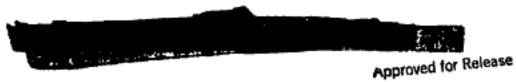




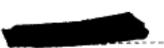
1. AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN EL SALVADOR, BELIEVED THAT REPORTING FROM ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES ABOUT EVENTS IN THE COUNTRY IS.



- A. INTELLIGENCE REPORTING INDICATES THAT LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) OPPOSED THE RECENT FHLN OFFENSIVE. IS THIS INFORMATION ACCURAGE?
- B HAVE FOR LEADER GUILLERMO UNGO AND OTHER FOR OFFICIALS TAKEN REFUGE IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN SAN SALVADOR, AS SOME REPORTING INDICATES? WHAT IS THEIR HOTIVATION FOR DOING SO?
- C. WERE FOR LEADERS PRIVY TO STRATIGIC OR TACTICAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE OFFENSIVE? REPORTING GENERALLY HAS INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE PROBABLY SOME IN THE FMLN LEADERSHIP WHO



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BLITEVED THAT THE OFFENSIVE WOULD SPARK THE LONG-DISCUSSED GENERAL INSURRECTION, THE GOALS OF THE FHUN ARE LESS AMBITIOUS BUT ALMOST EQUALLY IMPORTANT. REPORTING SUGGESTS THAT THE FHUN WANTS TO SHOW INTERNATIONAL CESERVERS, ESPECIALLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, IT CONTINGES TO BE A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH, AND TO PORTRAY THE GOVERNMENT OF E. SALVADOR (GOES) AND THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) AS REPRESSIVE AND IN THE WORST POSSIBLE LIGHT. FHUN LEADERS ALSO WANT TO AGGRAVATE TENSIONS WITHIN THE GOES AND IN 115 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HILITARY AND THE U.S. THEY ALSO DESTRE CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOES IN THE DIALOGUE PROCESS, CONCESSIONS THEY PERCEIVED AS NOT FORTHCOMING.

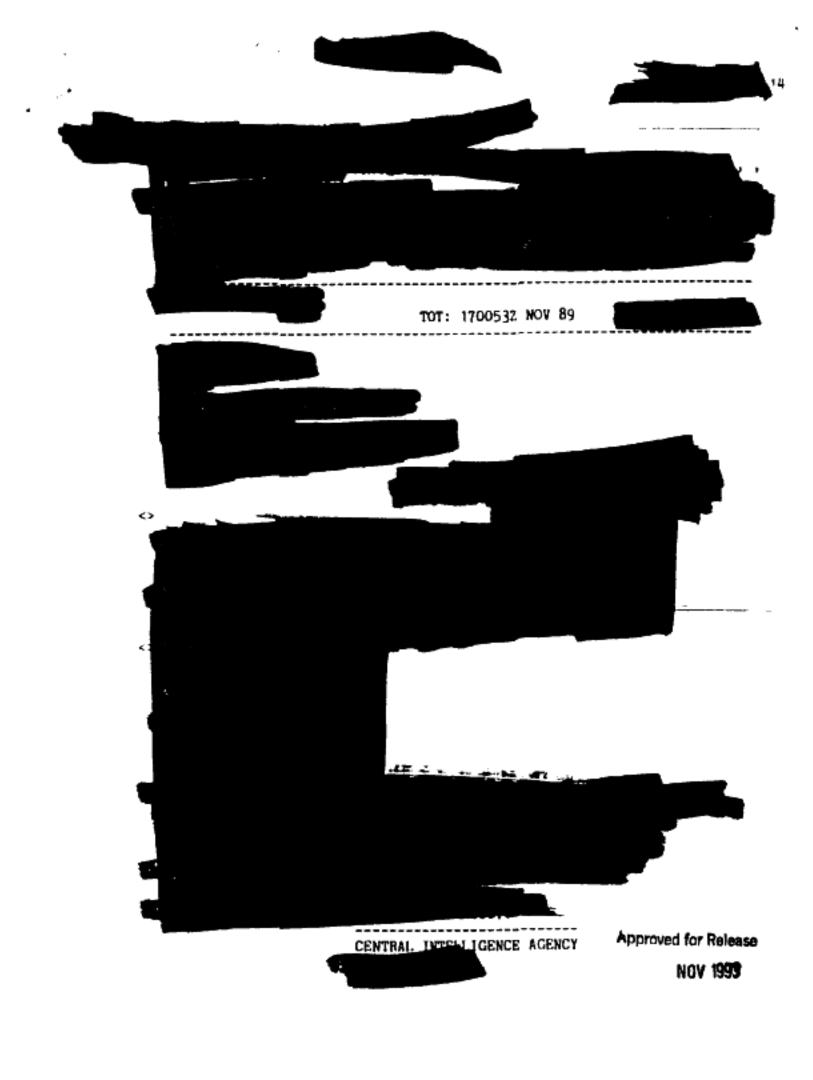
D. THE MURDER OF SIX JESUITS AND TWO LAY PEOPLE AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA), INCLUDING THE RECTOR AND VICE RECTOR, IS FROM PAGE NEWS HERE.

SOME REPORTING SUGGESTS THAT THE DEED COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY FALL ASSASSINS, DISGUISED AS SALVADORAN SECURITY OR MILITARY PERSONNEL. PAST REPORTING ALSO HAS INDICATED THE FALL PLANNED TO MURDER MEMBERS OF THE SALVADORAN LEFT WHOM THEY BELIEVED EXPENDABLE IN ORDER TO FURTHER PORTRAY THE GOES AND ESAF AS ABUSERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

E. HOW WILL THE CURRENT SITUATION AFFECT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FOR AND FMLN? PAST REPORTING HAS SHOWN THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY STRAINED. WILL THE OFFENSIVE FURTHER STRAIN THE RELATIONSHIP, OR WILL EVENTS, SUCH AS THE UCA MURDERS, AGAIN HOVE THEM CLOSER?

F. COMMENT ON CONTINUED CUBAN AND NICARAGUAN SUPPORT FOR THE FALM, DESPITE SANDINISTA COMMENTS THAT THEIR SUPPORT HAS ENDED?





TO MOVEMBER 1909

COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ; MOVEMENT OF 1,000 FRESH FMLN TROOPS TO SAN SALVADOR;

PLANNED ROLE OF ELLACURIA IN EFFECTING NEW

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FMLN AND THE COVERNMENT

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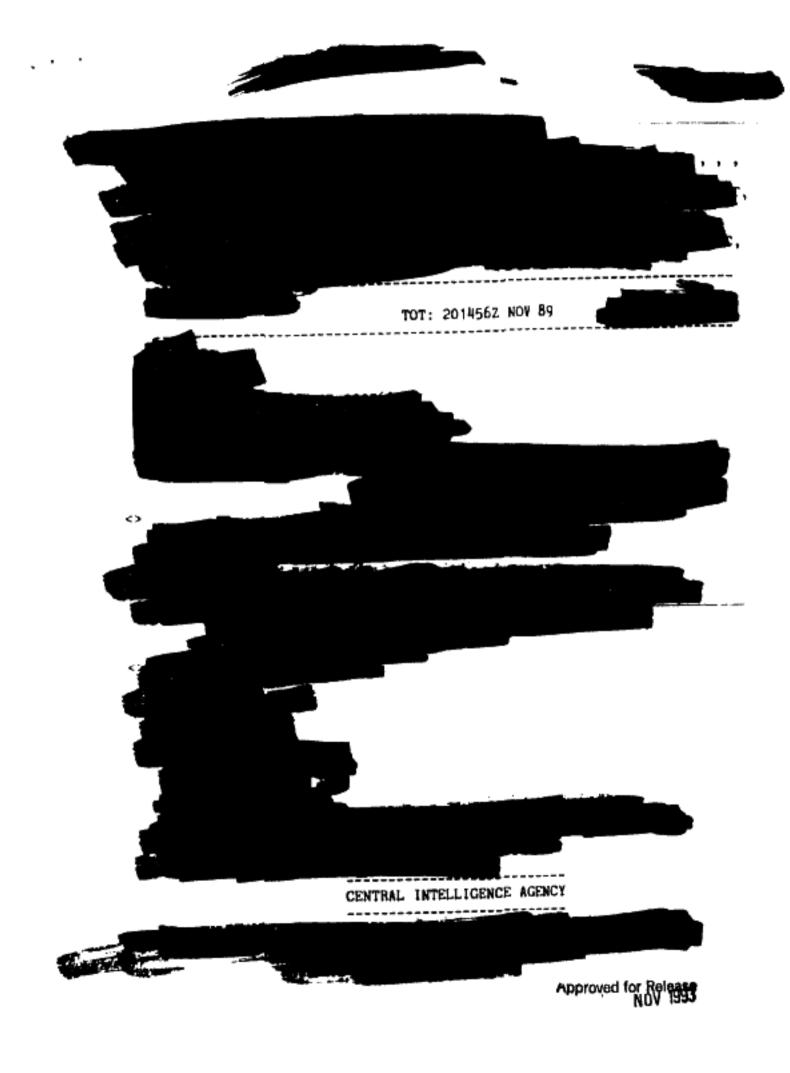
ASSASSINATION THAT DAY OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA RECTOR IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), THE MILITARY COMMAND OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLM) HAS DECIDED TO SEND 1,000 FRESH TROOPS INTO THE CITY.

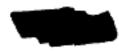
HAVE BEEN WAITING IN TWO GROUPS IN NEJAPA AND APOPA TO COVER THE EXPECTED RETREAT OF FMLN FORCES FROM THE CITY.

- 2. WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF ELLACURIA THE "SCHEME OF BATTLE" FOR THE OFFENSIVE HAS CHANGED AND THE FMLN LEADERSHIP THINKS THE COMBAT CAN BE PROLONGED UNTIL ABOUT 22 NOVEMBER WITH THE FRESH TROOPS.
- THREE FMLN
  COLLEAGUES ASKED ELLACURIA ON 13 NOVEMBER TO HELP EFFECT NEW CONTACTS
  BETWEEN THE FMLN AND SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS PEACE
  NEGOTIATIONS.

  THE FMLN HAD COMPLIED A LIST OF
  FIVE "FRIENDS" WHO WOULD SPEAK FOR THE FRONT, AND THAT ELLACURIA HAD
  BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICIALS TO COMPILE A
  SIMILAR LIST OF MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WOULD TALK WITH THE FMLN
  REPRESENTATIVES.

  THE BASIC DEMAND OF THE
  FMLN IN SUCH TALKS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE REMOVAL OF "TANDONA" MEMBERS
  FROM MILITARY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.
- THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND HAD REPORTED TO THE FMLN MEMBERS ON 15 NOVEMBER THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS SEEMED TO BE GOING WELL.
- ELLACURIA AND THE OTHER PRIESTS, THE INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNAL OUTLOOK HAS CHANGED; HE PREDICTED THE UNITED STATES WOULD BRING PRESSURE ON THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE MILITARY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILITARY'S "POOR SHOWING" DURING THE OFFENSIVE, AND OTHER "CRIMES," INCLUDING THE MURDER OF ELLACURIA.
- SINCE THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN. CANNOT CONFIRM THE NUMBERS OF





DIST:

20 NOVEMBER 1989

COUNTRY:

EL SALVADOR

SUBJ:

TEMPORARY FIG.N HALT TO OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITY TO ALLOW BAENA SOARES TO ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT CEASE-FIRE

NECOTIATION

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19 NOVEMBER 1989

## TEXT: 1. ON 19 NOVEMBER 1980

NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) HAS ORDERED A STANDDOWN FROM MILITARY ACTIVITY TO GIVE MARIO ((BAENA)) SOARES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES (OAS), THE OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE AN END TO THE FIGHTING DURING HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO SAN SALVADOR.

- PCES GENERAL SECRETARY JORGE SHAFIK ((HANDAL)) TOLD HIM THAT FMLN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SPOKEN WITH BAENA SOARES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND PROMISED HIM THE FMLN TROOPS WILL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITY WHILE BAENA SOARES TRIES TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE AND SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FMLN. HANDAL SAID THE FMLN WANTS BAENA SOARES TO TALK TO PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) AND THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR DURING HIS STAY IN SAN SALVADOR. (FIELD COMMENT: BAENA SOARES IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAN SALVADOR ON 20 NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTING.)
- THE FMLN LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO HAVE ONE NON-NEGOTIABLE DEMAND: THE REMOVAL FROM THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES OF MEMBERS OF THE "TANDONA" WHO HOLD MOST SENIOR ESAF POSITIONS. THE FMLN BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO THE FMLN IS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR.

  TWO REASONS WHY SHAFIK HANDAL AND THE OTHER FMLN LEADERS BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WILL FINALLY ACCEDE TO THE REMOVAL OF THE TANDONA:
- A. THE U.S. PRESIDENT HAS STEADFASTLY SUPPORTED SALVADORAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BUT HAS ABSTAINED FROM GIVING SIMILAR SUPPORT TO THE SALVADORAN MILITARY.
- B. THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR, WHICH HAS BEEN A HELP TO THE FILM AND WHICH THE FILM WILL USE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS TO DENIGRATE THE TANDONA.
- THE FMLN HAS CHANGED ITS VIEW OF THE ROLE
  OF THE U.S.

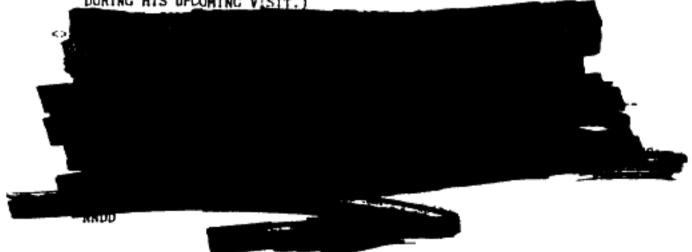
  THE
  FMLN HAD LOOKED UPON IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), THE RECTOR OF THE
  UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA-JOSE SIMEON CANAS (UCA) WHO WAS
  ASSASSINATED ON 16 NOVEMBER, AS THE ONLY PERSON WORTHY OF THE FMLN'S
  TRUST WHO WAS CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FMLN AND
  THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT.

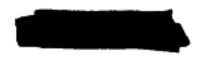
  THE U.S.
  AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR WAS CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING SUCH AN AGREEMENT,
  BUT THAT THE FMLN DID NOT CONSIDER HIM TRUSTWORTHY.)
- 5. SHAFIK HANDAL TOLD THE SENIOR PCES MEMBER THAT WHILE BAENA SOARES IS THE KEY IN ACHIEVING CEASE-FIRE NEGOTIATIONS, THE FMLN IS ALSO USING ITS POLITICAL ALLIES AND OTHERS TO TRY AND EFFECT A SETTLEMENT. GUILLERMO ((UNGO)), LEADER OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY

MOVEMENT (MNE), AND HIS DEPUTY HECTOR ((OQUELI)) HAVE BEEN TOLD TO LOBBY WITH THEIR SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) CONTACTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) TO CREATE MORE PRESSURE FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE TANDONA AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE FMLN AND THE COVERNMENT.

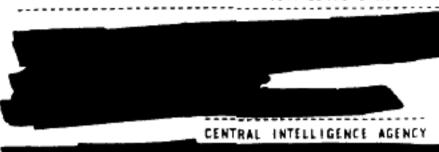
- 6. FURTHER, THE FMLN IS SENDING MARIO ((LUNCO)), A PCES MEMBER, TO CARACAS TO IMPRESS UPON VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES ((PEREZ)) THE IMPORTANCE OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. (SOURCE COMMENT: LUNCO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO CARACAS BY RAFAEL ((MENJIVAR)), A POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL) MEMBER.)
- 7. THE SENIOR PCES MEMBER QUOTED SHAFIK HANDAL AS CONCLUDING THAT THE POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN COMBAT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS AN ACCEPTABLE CEASE-FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE TANDONA APPEAR LIKELY IN "THE NEXT FEW DAYS" AFTER 19 NOVEMBER, THE FMLN WILL RESUME MILITARY ACTIVITY.

  SAID THAT THE FMLN LEADERSHIP BELIEVES THAT IF THE TANDONA STAYS IN POWER AFTER THE OFFENSIVE, THE LEGAL AND ILLEGAL LEFT--THE UNIONS, THE DEMOCRATIC CONVERGENCE, AND FMLN MEMBERS--WILL BE DEPRIVED OF FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES AND UNABLE TO FUNCTION.
- SAID THE FMLN HAS 1,000 FRESH TROOPS FROM THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL) IN THE VICINITY OF NORTHERN MEJICANOS, AND THAT FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THIS GROUP VENTURED AS FAR SOUTH AS THE NORTHERN LIMITS OF SAN SALVADOR DURING THE NIGHT OF 18 NOVEMBER, EXCHANGING FIRE WITH SALVADORAN SOLDIERS.
- THE COVERNMENT IS NOT LIKELY TO ACCEDE TO ANY DEMAND FOR THE DISMISSAL OF OFFICERS FROM THE "TANDONA," THE SALVADORAN MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ON THE MAGNITUDE OF THOSE CITED BY THE PCES MEMBER.)
- 10. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I AM NOT TOTALLY SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE FMLN IS TRYING TO SAY ABOUT ME. I HIGHT FIND OUT IF BAENA-SOARES FOLLOWS THROUGH ON THE FMLN'S SUGGESTION THAT HE SPEAK TO ME DURING HIS UPCOMING VISIT.)





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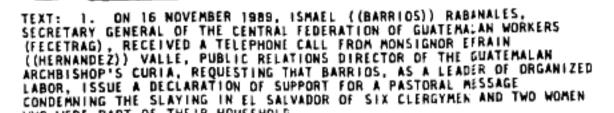
GUATEMALA/EL SALVADOR

SUBJ:

REQUEST BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF GUATEMALA FOR SUPPORT BY ORGANIZED LABOR FOR A PASTORAL MESSAGE CONDEMNING THE SLAYING OF CLERGYMEN IN EL SALVADOR

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WHO WERE PART OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD.

2. HERNANDEZ TOLD BARRIOS THAT GUATEMALAN ARCHRISHOP PROSPERO ((PENADOS)), DEL BARRIO HAD CALLEL AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN BISHOPS AND HAD ASKED HERNANDEZ TO COLLECT EXPRESSIONS OF BACKING FOR A CONDEMNATION OF THE DEED FROM ALL GUATEMALAN SECTORS PRIOR TO THE BISHOPS' GATHERING. TO ADD MORAL WEIGHT AND HELP EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT PASTORAL MESSAGE CONCEMNING THESE AND ALL OTHER KILLINGS CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST OUTBURST OF VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR AND URGING ALL PARTIES INVOLVED TO IMMEDIATELY RESUME NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CRISIS.

- 3. HERNANDEZ ALSO TOLD BARRIOS THAT PENADOS HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTACT FIRST OF ALL THE POPULAR SECTORS SUCH AS THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND LEADERS OF THE UNITED LABOR AND POPULAR ASSOCIATIONS (UASP) UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, SINCE THE SLAIN CLERICS HAD GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR THE POOR OF EL SALVADOR AND CENTRAL AMERICA. HERNANDEZ, HOWEVER, ADDED THAT BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALSO BEING ASKED FOR STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH PENADOS WAS DELIBERATELY EXCLUDING TH? GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES FROM HIS REQUEST, TO AVOID A POLITIZATION OF THE BISHOPS' MESSAGE.
- 4. BARRIOS, IN TURN, AUTHORIZED HERNANDEZ TO QUOTE HIM AS SUPPORTING THE BISHOPS' CONDEMNATION OF THESE CRIMES, AS THE FECETRAG SECRETARY GENERAL. AFTER HERNANCEZ ASSURED BARRIOS THAT THE CONDEMNATION WILL INCLUDE A STRONG DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE REGION AND REJECTION OF WHAT BARRIOS

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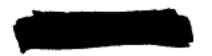
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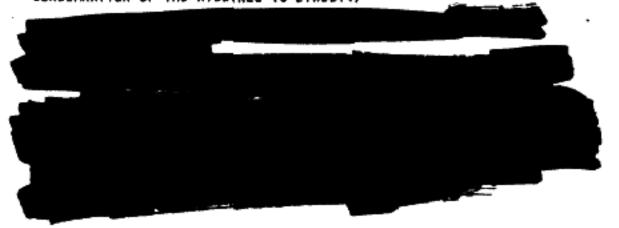
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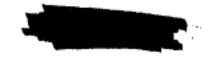


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CHARACTERIZED AS TOTALITARIANISM, EXTRA-CONTINENTAL INTERFERENCE AND CLASS WARFARE. BARRIOS ALSO INFORMED HERNANDEZ THAT HE WILL CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FECETRAG LEADERSHIP TO PROPOSE A FORMAL RESOLUTION CONTAINING THESE POINTS, AND WILL URGE OTHER DEMOCRATIC LABOR LEADERS TO PRESS FOR SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS FROM THEIR ORGANIZATIONS.

5. (EMBASSY COMMENT: FECETRAG AND ISMAEL BARRIOS SERVE PRIMARILY A PUBLIC RELATIONS FUNCTION.
QUOTED DCG OFFICIAL CABRERA AS SAYING "BARRIOS IS MY ONLY LABOR LEADER." PRIOR TO THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS, WE WERE TOLD THAT MSGR. QUESADA WAS MEETING WITH A GROUP OF BISHOPS FROM ALL OVER LATIN AMERICA. THE MEETING HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED, BUT IT WAS NOT CALLED AS A RESPONSE TO THE KILLINGS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, A CONDEMNATION OF THE KILLINGS IS LIKELY.)



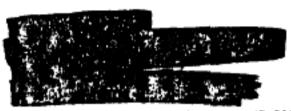






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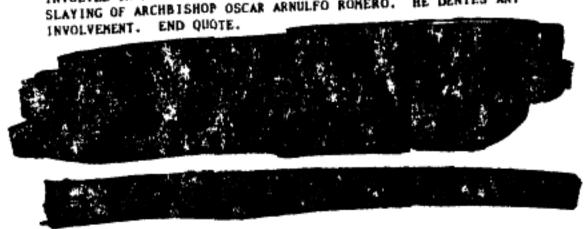
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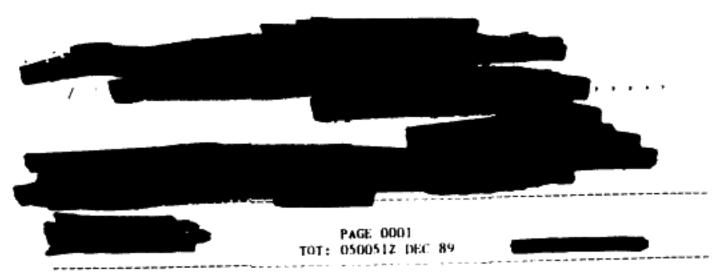
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2. BEGIN QUOTE. NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE REPORTED THAT
RIGHT-WING POLITICAL LEADER ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON TOLD HIS
ADVISERS SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE ABOUT IGNACIO ELLACURIA THE
NIGHT BEFORE THE JESUIT PRIEST WAS SLAIN ALONG WITH FIVE OF HIS
COLLEAGUES NOVEMBER 16.

THE NEWSWEEK ARTICLE QUOTED U.S. OFFICIALS WHO SAW A CIA REPORT. ELLACURIA, EL SALVADOR'S LEADING LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL, AND THE FIVE OTHER JESUIT PRIESTS WERE DRAGGED FROM A HOME AND SHOT TO DEATH. WITNESSES REPORTED SEEING HEN IN UNIFORM CARRY OUT THE ATTACK, WHICH OCCURED IN AN AREA UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

D'AUBUISSON, THE IDEOLOGICAL LEADER OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI'S RIGHT-WING ARENA PARTY, HAS BEEN SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUAD ACTIVITY AND THE 1980 SLAYING OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO. HE DENIES ANY INVOLVEMENT. END QUOTE.







SUBJECT: TEXT OF NEWSWEEK ARTICLE

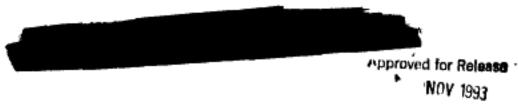
THE ARTICLE, ONE OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) AND ANOTHER OF THREE OF THE DEAD JESUITS WITH A CROWD GATHERED AROUND THEM.

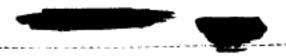
## WAS D'AUBUISSON INVOLVED?

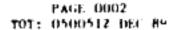
CITING A CIA REPORT, U.S. OFFICIALS TOLD NEWSWEEK LAST WEEK THAT ON THE NIGHT BEFORE SIX JESUIT PREISTS WERE NURDERED IN ELSALVADOR LAST MONTH, RIGHTIST POLITICAL LEADER ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON RAILED AGAINST SEVERAL OF THE VICTIMS TO HIS ADVISERS AND TOLD THEM THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE ABOUT THE PRIESTS. ONE OF THE PRIESTS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WAS FATHER IGNACIO ELLACURIA, WHO WAS KILLED ALONG WITH SEVEN OTHERS. ASKED ABOUT D'AUBUISSON'S REPORTED COMMENTS, CIA SPOKESMAN (AN OFFICER IN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE) REPLIED, "I CAN'T HELP YOU ON THAT."

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KILLINGS, SUSPICION FOCUSED ON THE SALVADORAN RIGHT. D'AUBUISSON HIMSELF IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BOTH THE RIGHT-WING DEATH SQUADS OF THE EARLY 1980S AND THE 1980 ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO. HE DENIES THE CHARGES. EARLIER THIS YEAR VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE TRAVELED TO SAN SALVADOR AND WARNED D'AUBUISSON ABOUT HUMAN-RIGHTS ABUSES. STILL, D'AUBUISSON WAS PLACED BACK ON THE GUEST LIST AT THE U.S. EMBASSY THIS SUMMER.

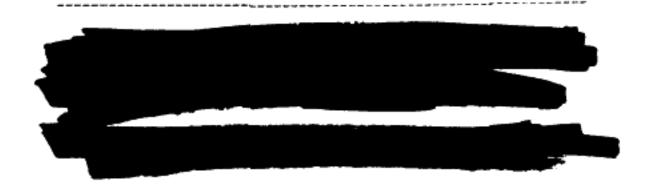
PROOF OF ANY D'AUBUISSON ROLE IN THE MURDERS COULD SERIOUSLY COMPLICATE THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI, BECUASE D'AUBUISSON IS THE IDEOLOGICAL LEADER OF THE RULING ARENA

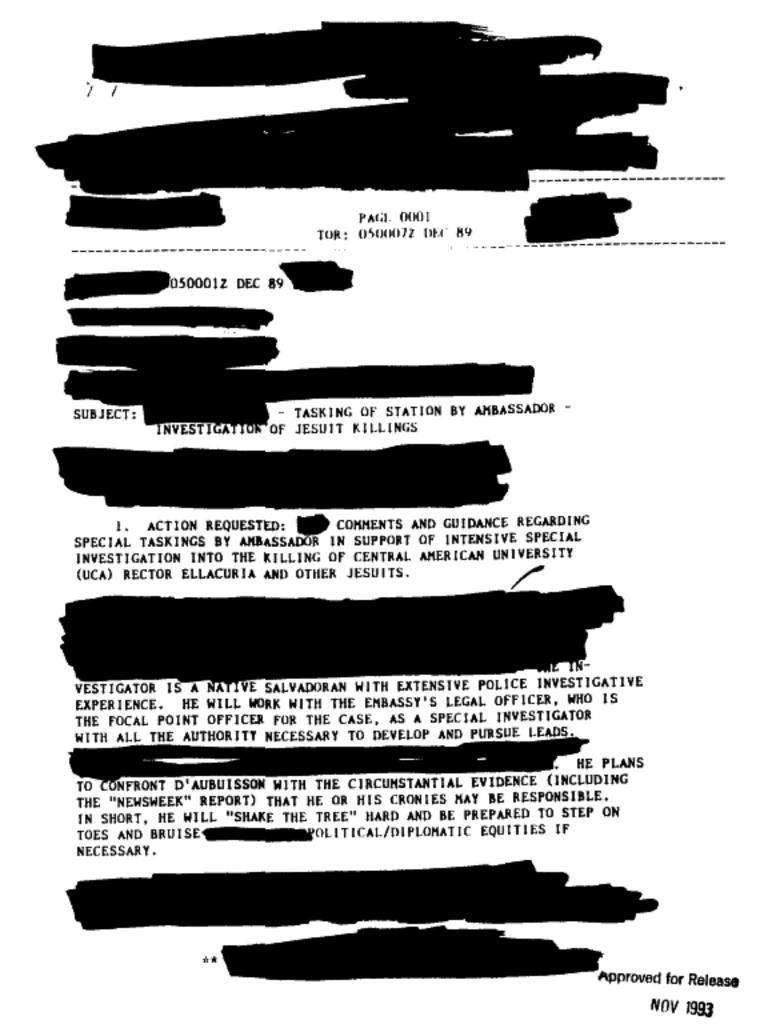


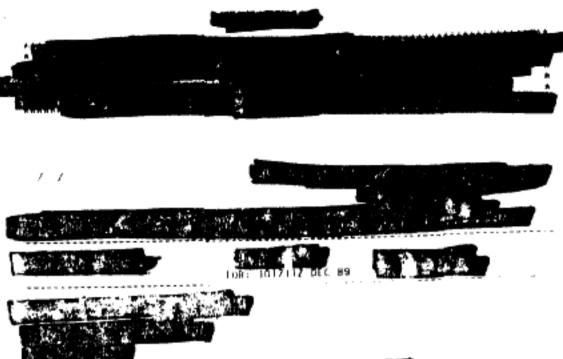




PARTY. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, D'AUBUISSON'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT, IF PROVEN, COULD ENDANGER U.S. MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR. SAID A KEY U.S. SENATOR OF THE POSSIBLE D'AUBUISSON ROLE: "THE EXPLOSIVE EFFECT OF THIS CAN'T BE OVERESTIMATED."









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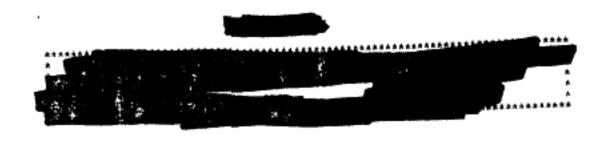
2. SUMMARY: ON 4 DECEMBER 1989 AN EMBASSY TASK FC+CE WAS ESTABLISHED TO ACT AS A CODRDINATING BODY AND FOCAL POINT FOR ALL MISSION INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE MURDERS OF SIX JES. T PRIESTS AND TWO OTHER PERSONS ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989. THE SECIAL INVESTIGATION CALLED IN FROM MEXICO CITY SECOND WHO ARE CONSTRUCTED BEGAN THE WEEK INTERVIEWING NUMEROUS PERSONS WHO ARE CONSTRUCTED IMPORTANT TO THE INVESTIGATION. AMONG THOSE INTERVIEWES ARE ROBERTO D'AUBIUSSON, COLONEL RENE ((PONCE)) AND SEVERAL CONSTRUCTED OF THE MURDERS. AS OF 9 DECEMBER 1989 THE INVESTIGATION STIMULS ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS, AND A LACK OF EVIDENCE AND WITNESS FAS PREVENTED THE INVESTIGATION FROM BEING NARROWED TO SPECIAL SUSPECT/S.

3. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EMBASSY LEGAL ATTACHE, BEGAN THE INVESTIGATION WITH AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT ALFREDD ((CRISTIANI)). CRISTIANI MADE IT CLEAR HE WANTED THIS CASE CLEARED-UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD COOPERATE IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. CRISTIANI ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE INVESTIGATION FOCUS FIRST ON THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. HE WANTED THE MILITARY INVESTIGATED FIRST BECAUSE THE PRESS AND CHURCH ARE POINTING THE FINGER IN THAT DIRECTION AND CRISTIANI MANTS THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION CLEARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW THEM TO GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF FIGHTING A WAR. CRISTIANI ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT, IF THE INVESTIGATION INDICATED WILL BE NO COVER-UP. WILL BE NO COVER-UP.

4. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR LEDED TO PRESIDENT CRISTIANI'S WISHES AND HAS FOCUSED THE INVESTIGATION ON THE MILITARY. HE INTERVIEWED CHIEF OF STAFF COLUMNEL RENE ((PONCE)) ON 4 DEC AS WELL, AND RECEIVED PONCE'S ASSURANCES THAT THE MILITARY WOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE INVESTIGATION. PONCE ASKED FOR GUIDANCE/SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHERE THE ARMY SHOULD BEGIN. UNFORTUNATELY, THE HAS DEEN NO REAL ANSWER GIVEN TO PONCE ON THIS POINT.

5. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR AND LEGAL ATTACHE INTERVIEWED ALL OF THE UNIT COMMANDERS ON DUTY IN THE AREA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) ON THE RIGHT OF THE MURDERS. MILITARY DETACHMENTS SIX AND SEVEN HAD SQUADS IN THE AREA AS DID THE TREASURY POLICE. ALL OF THE SQUAD LEADERS FROM DM-6 AND DM-7 REPORTED HEARING THE GUN SHOTS WHICH WERE PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE KILLINGS OF THE PHILISTS; BUT THEY ALL SAID THEY DID NOT ASSOCIATE THE SHOTS WITH THE UCA CAMPUS, BUT RATHER THOUGHT THERE WAS A FIREFIGHT NEAR THE AREA. THE TREASURY POLICE UNIT





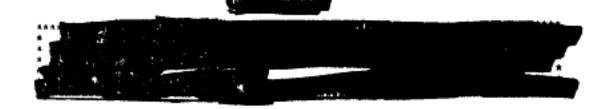
WAS STATIONED ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE UTMOCRACY TOWER BUILDING ON THE FIRST INTERVIEW. THE SOUND ILLABOUR SAID HE HEARD NOT NG. WHICH RAISED SUSPICIONS BECAUSE HE HAD PERHAPS THE BEST THE SAVE POINT TO HAVE HEARD THE SHOT, AND EXPLOSIONS AS WELL AS HAVE SEEN THE MUZZLE FLASHES BECAUST THE HUSLUING OVENLOODS TO UCA CAMPUS. THE OFFICER LATER ADMITTED HE WAS ASLEED AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING BUT ONE OF HIS MEN MAY HAVE HEARD THE SHOTS. THIS SECOND OFFICER WAS INTERVIEWED AND CONFIRMED HE HEARD THE HOTS BUT, AT THE TIME, THOUGHT THEY WERE THE RESULT OF A FEREFIGHT.

- 6. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BELIEVES THE MELITARY FRICERS TOLD THE TRUTH AND WILL BE OF CLIFFE USE TO THE INVESTIGATION. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT (STR) SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS OF ALL THE MEN POSSITIONED BLAN THE UCA ON THE RIGHT OF THE MURDERS AND CONCLUDED THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE ANY OF THEM WERE INVOLVED.
- 7. AFTERNOON OF 5 DECEMBER THE SPICIAL INVESTIGATOR AND LEGAL ATTACHE INTERVIEWED MAJOR ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) AT HIS OFFICE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUILDING. ACCORDING TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, D'AUBUISSON EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATION, AND DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDERS. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION POINTEDLY TOLD D'AUBUISSON THAT HE WAS A PRINCIPAL SUSPECT IN THE CRIME AND WOULD BE INVESTIGATED FULLY. D'AUBUISSON THREW THIS BACK AT THE LINVESTIGATOR SAYING THAT HE HAD GONE THROUGH OTHER INVES. GATIONS: HE MENTIONED THE KIGNAPPING CASE AND ROMERD MURDER. SPECIFICALLY, AND HAD BEEN PROVEN INNOCENT IN THOSE CASES.
- B. PERHAPS TRYING TO SHOW HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPE ASE,
  D'AUBUISSON MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHERE THE INV-STIGATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED. HE SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL JULIC AL
  REVIEW BOARD (SIMILAR TO A U.S. GRAND JURY) BE ESTABLISH:
  QUESTION WITNESS AND PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH THE IMPRESS ... AT
  SOMETHING WAS BEING DONE TO SOLVE THIS CASE. WHEN THE IS... GATOR
  AND LEGAL ATTACHE AGREED THIS WOULD BE USEFUL D'AUBUISSON AMEDIATELY
  CALLED THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND LITERALLY ORDERED HIM...
  ESTABLISH THE REVIEW BOARD. IN RETROSPECT THIS WAS PROBLED A
  PLOY ON D'AUBUISSONS' PART TO IMPRESS HIS AUDIENCE. THIS ... THE
  IMPRESSION BECAUSE, AS OF THIS WHITING, THE REVIEW BOARD IS NOT
  EVEN ESTABLISHED, MUCH LESS FUNCTIONING.
- 9. THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR ALSO INTERVIEWED CATHOLIC CHUNCH OFFICIALS AT THE UCA. IT BECAME EVIDENT EARLY ON THAT THE CHUNCH WILL TAKE ON AN ADVERSARIAL ROLE IN THIS INVESTIGATION. TO DATE THE CHURCH HAS GONE OUT OF 115 WAY TO ACCUSE THE MILITARY OF COMMITTING THE CRIME. THEY HAVE ALSO ENGAGED IN OUTRIGHT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE BY NOT ALLOWING THE UCA MUNS, WHOSE RESIDENCE IS NEXT TO THE CRIME SCENE, TO TESTIFY. THE JESUITS ALSO ARRANGED FOR ONE ALLEGED EYE WITNESS TO BE FLOWN OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON TO DECEMBER. THIS INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE BRITISH CONSUL AND IS NOT CONFIRMED AS OF YET.
- 10. ON 7 DECEMBER D'AUBUISSON CALLED THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR AND REQUESTED A PRIVATE MEETING. AT THE MEETING, D'AUBUISSON SAID THAT HE HEARD FROM A SOURCE WITHIN THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE (FAES) THAT FAES GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)) MAY HAVE HAD A PART IN THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS. D'AUBUISSON SAID BUSTILLO SPOKE TO HIS SENIOR OFFICERS THE DAY BEFORE THE MURDERS AND STATED AT THAT

MEETING THAT THE JESUITS "SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF". D'AUBUISSON ALSO IMPLICATED MAJOR ROBERTO ANTONIO ((LEIVA)) JACOBO IN THE KILLING, BUT WAS VAGUE ABOUT LEIVA'S ROLE.

II. D'AUBUISSOM'S MOTIVES FOR GIVING UP THIS INFORMATION ARE VERY SUSPICIOUS TO SAY THE LEAST. SEVERAL QUESTIONS ARISE AS TO WHY D'AUBUISSOM GAVE THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR THIS INFORMATION. FIRST, AND FOREMOST, IS THE QUESTION OF MMY D'AUBUISSOM WOULD "MAT" ON GENERAL BUSTILLO WHEN BUSTILLO IS SEEN AS A D'AUBUISSOM MAN. IT IS NO SECRET IN THE MILITARY THAT D'AUBUISSOM ADVOCATED BUSTILLO FOR THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE POSITION OVER GENERAL LARIOS. ALSO, LEIVA IS KNOWN TO BE OUT OF FAVOR AT THIS TIME. AND JUST RECENTLY WAS REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS FAES S-2. BECAUSE OF THESE QUESTIONS AND THE





FACT D'AUBUISSON WAS THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION, THE TEST FORESE DECIDED NOT TO APPROACH BUSTIFFO ON LETVA BIRECTLY, BUT RA "TR ALLOW THE INVESTIGATION TO CONTINUE AND SEE IF ANY SUBSTANT STING EVIDENCE IS FORTHCOMING. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO DESCRIBETED DIRECT PONCE'S INVESTIGATION FOWARD THE FAES AS WELL, BUT NOT TO EXCLUDE THE OTHER SERVICES.

12. AS THE WEEK DREW TO A CLOSE A SENSE OF FRUSTRATION SET INC. THE CHURCH IS OBSTRUCTING THE INVESTIGATION, EYE WITNESSES ARE NO WHERE TO BE FOUND AND THERE IS PRICIOUS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF PHYSICAL EVEDENCE. ADD TO THIS A LAKE OF A SPECIAL MOTIVE FOR THE KILLINGS AND AN INVESTIGATION TO ALL NOT DEVELOPED ANY LEADS WHICH COULD NARROW THE INVESTIGATION TO A SPICIFIC GROUP. ALTIQUIES THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL YOUNG, THAT WILL WORK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, AND POLITICAL PRISSURE WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE MUNDERS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SANTITZED AND PASSED TO THE TASK FONCE FOR FOLLOW-UP. TO DATE THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR HAS BEEN VERY COMPERATIVE

AND/OR CEADS WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE INVESTIGATION.

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CLAIMS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH AN EYE WITNESS TO THE MURDERS, THE

EYE WITNESS IS TERRIFIED HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER AND REFUSES TO GO

TO THE POLICE. TO SATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE TO THE TO INTRODUCE

HIM TO THE EYE WITNESS SO THAT CAN CONVINCE THAT TO GET IN TOUCH

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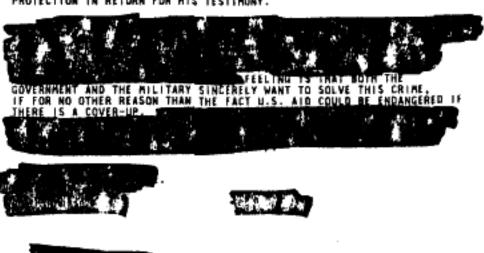
EMBASSY; HE BELIEVES IT IS TRYING TO PROTECT THE MIL-ITAR?

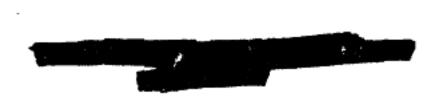
WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK TO AND IS OPTIMISTIC THE

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DECEMBER. THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS INFORT: JN IM

GENERAL TERMS AND IS PREPARED TO OFFER THE EYE WITNESS FI.



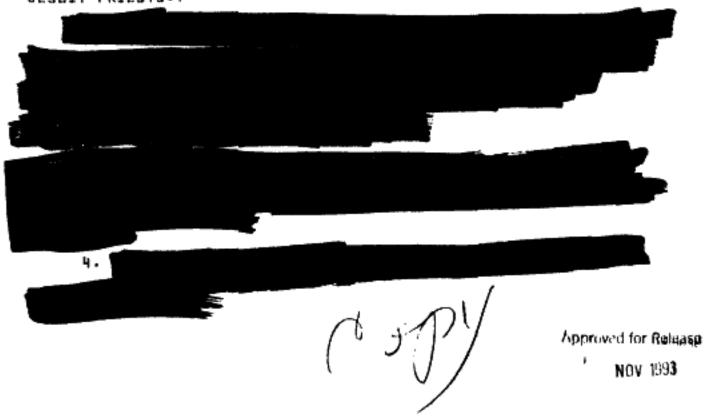






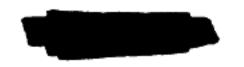
SUBJECT: CAPTAIN ALFONSO CHAVEZ GARCIAY

1. FBIS, DATED 13 DECEMBER 1989, NOTED THAT CAPTAIN
ALFONSO {{CHAVEZ}} GARCIA AND NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF GENERAL
HERIBERTO {{HERNANDEZ}} WERE ACCUSED BY SALVADORAN ARMY
OFFICERS OF HAVING CARRIED OUT AND AUTHORIZED THE MURDER OF SIX
JESUIT PRIESTS-Y









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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: NATIONAL POLICE ROLE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE

MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF

CENTRAL AMERICA

DOI: MID-DECEMBER 1989

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TEXT: 1. IN MID-DECEMBER 1989

SAID THE NATIONAL POLICE RECEIVED ORDERS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE AND HONEST INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO OTHER PERSONS WHICH OCCURRED ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989 AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA).

SAID SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS IN TURN ORDERED THE NATIONAL SAID SENIOR POLICE DETECTIVE DIVISION TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS AND PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU) INVESTIGATION.

SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS ARE COMMITTED TO SOLVING THE MURDERS AND BRINGING THE GUILTY PARTIES TO JUSTICE, WHETHER THEY ARE FROM THE POLITICAL RIGHT OR LEFT, OR THE MILITARY.

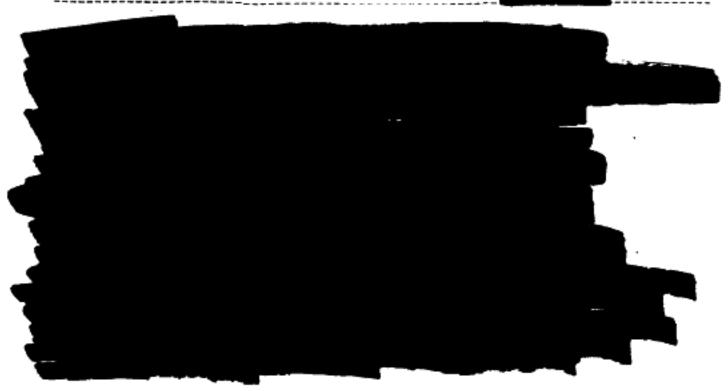
2. THE NATIONAL POLICE ROLE HAS CONSISTED OF PROVIDING

TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE SID, INCLUDING BALLISTIC COMPARISONS, FINGERPRINT WORK AND ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES.

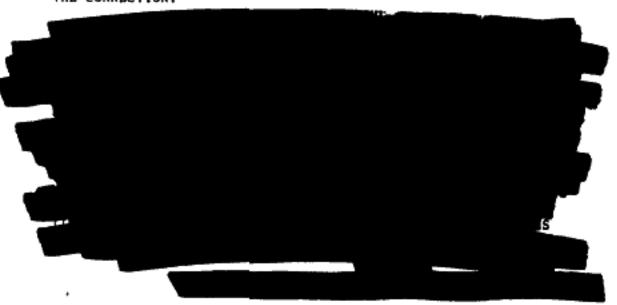
THE NATIONAL POLICE ALSO CONDUCTED A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, WHICH FAILED TO TURN UP ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE THE INFORMATION GATHERED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE INVESTIGATION CORRESPONDED WITH THAT OBTAINED BY THE SID: THE AREA SURROUNDING THE UCA CAMPUS WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) AND SECURITY FORCES PERSONNEL; THERE WAS NO GUERRILLA ACTIVITY REPORTED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AROUND THE UCA ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS; AND THERE WERE NO ABANDONED OR STOLEN VEHICLES LEFT IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE CLUES AS TO THE AUTHORS OF THE CRIME.

ESAF WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS. HE SAID HE BASED THIS OPINION ON THE FACT THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AROUND THE PRIESTS' RESIDENCE PRIOR TO THE MURDERS, AND THAT THERE WAS A HEAVY MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE MANY IN THE NATIONAL POLICE SUSPECT ESAF PARTICIPATION IN THE MURDERS, NO PROOF EXISTS TO IMPLICATE THE MILITARY IN THE CRIME.

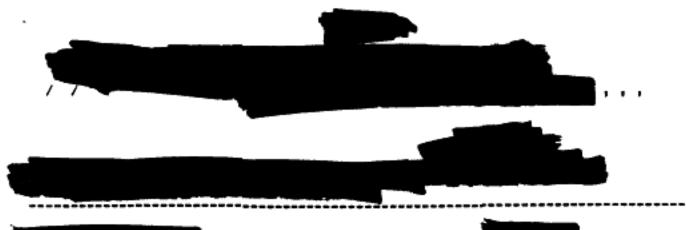
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6. ANOTHER INJUSTICE WHICH SUBJ WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS LEIVA'S CONNECTION TO THE MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO. SUBJ SAID THAT HE AND SOME FELLOW OFFICERS WATCHED THE TV ACCOUNTS OF THE ALLEGED DIARY OF ALVARO RAFAEL ((SARAVIA)), AND THE DAMAGING INFORMATION ENTERED THEREIN CONCERNING THE MURDER. PER SUBJ, HE AND HIS FELLOW OFFICERS, TO A MAN, RECOGNIZED THE HANDWRITING IN THE DIARY AS BELONGING TO LEIVA, AND NOT SARAVIA. HE SAID THAT THIS COULD BE PROVEN, BUT NOBODY HAS THUS FAR OFFICIALLY MADE THE CONNECTION.

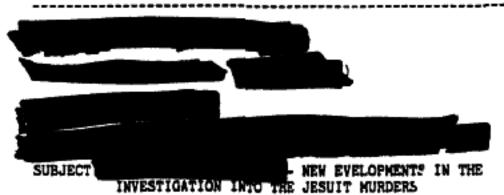


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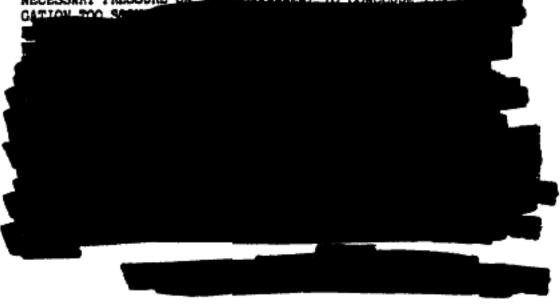
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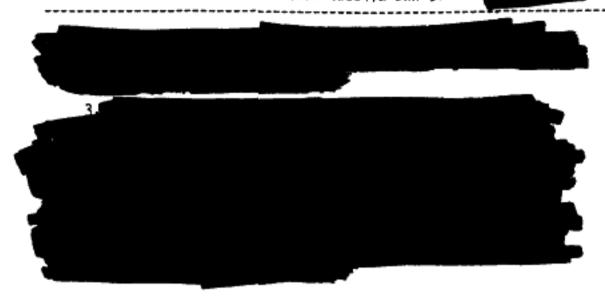
ACTION REQUIRED: NONE, FYI.

2. IN EARLY JANUARY 1990 NEW INFORMATION SURFACED INDICATING THAT THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) PROBABLY WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO OTHER PERSONS ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989. BELOW IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE CASE SINCE THE NEW INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED. THE SALVADORAN GOVERN MENT BELIEVES IT IS CLOSE TO SOLVING THE MURDERS AND HAS INDICATED A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT IS IMMINENT. TO DATE THREE ESAF OFFICERS ARE UNDER ARREST AND APPROXIMATELY 45 ENLISTED PERSONNEL ARE BEING DETAINED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CASE IS ATTRACTING TOO MUCH PUBLICITY WHICH MAY PLACE UNNECESSARY PRESSURE ON THE COMPRIMENT TO CONCLUDE ITS INVESTIGATION.





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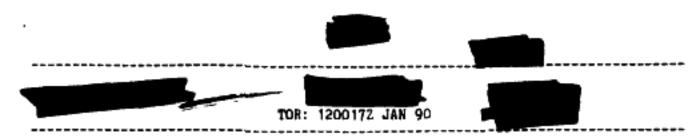
AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME IN MID-DECEMBER 1989 COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO, DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY, TOLD LT. COLONEL MANUEL ANTONIO HERMENEGILDO ((RIVAS)) MEJIA, DIRECTOR OF THE SALVADORAN COVERNMENT SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU), THAT HE (BENAVIDES) ORDERED A GROUP FROM THE IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION ATLACATL TO GO TO THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA (UCA) ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS. BENAVIDES APPARENTLY TOLD RIVAS OF HIS DEED BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTION AND WAS ASKING RIVAS FOR ASSISTANCE. RIVAS IN TURN SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH HIS PREDECESSOR AT THE SIU, COLONEL NELSON IVAN ((LOPEZ Y LOPEZ)), CURRENT C-1 IN THE HIGH COMMAND (ESTADO MAYOR), WHOM THE ESTADO MAYOR HAD CHARGED TO WORK WITH THE SIU ON THE INVESTIGATION. LOPEZ Y LOPEZ THEN TOLD COLONEL CARLOS ANGEL ((AVILES)), APPARENTLY HIS CLOSE FRIEND WHO IS CURRENTLY THE C-5 AT THE ESTADO MAYOR, OF BENAVIDES' PLIGHT.

THE CHAIN OF ACQUISITION

BECAUSE HE FELT HE
HAD TO HAVE A "SAFETY NET" IN THE EVENT THINGS WENT BAD.

5.

PONCE IMMEDIATELY CALLED IN AVILES, WHO DENIED HAVING TOLD
ANYTHING OF THE KIND. PONCE THEN CALLED FOR LOPEZ
Y LOPEZ, AND IT WAS AVILES WHO WENT TO SEARCH FOR HIM. WHEN
LOPEZ Y LOPEZ ARRIVED NEARLY AN HOUR LATER, HE DENIED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT.



THE INFORMATION SHOULD INDEED BE INVESTIGATED, BUT AS A RUHOR.

GENERAL ((LARIOS))

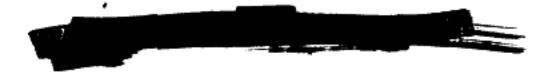
THAT HE (LARIOS) HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE ALLEGATIONS AND CONSIDERED THEM TO BE SERIOUS CHARGES. HE SAID THE MATTER WOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND THAT PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) WOULD BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY

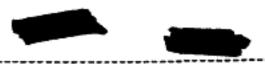
8. ON 9 JANUARY

REPORTED THAT LT. JOSE
RICARDO ((ESPINOZA)) GUERRA AND LT. GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) CERRITOS,
BOTH SECTION COMMANDERS IN THE BIRI ATLACATL, AS WELL AS LT.
YUSHSY RENE ((MENDOZA)) VALLECILLOS FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL,
WERE PLACED UNDER ARREST AND ARE BEING HELD AT NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS. NO LEGAL JUSTIFICATION HAS YET BEEN GIVEN FOR
THESE ARRESTS, ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THIS IS A POLITICAL MOVE
DESIGNED TO SHOW THE PUBLIC PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN THE
INVESTIGATION. COLONEL BENAVIDES IS REPORTEDLY UNDER "BARRACKS"

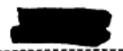
ARREST."

9. PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) APPEARS TO BE EARNING VALUABLE POLITICAL POINTS FOR HIS "MANAGEMENT" OF THIS INVESTIGATION AND HE APPEARS TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND CHURCH. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS BEING DRIVEN BY A DEADLINE OF 23 JANUARY, WHEN THE U.S. CONGRESS BEGINS ITS NEXT SESSION. CRISTIANI (AND OTHERS) WANT THIS INVESTIGATION TO BE COMPLETED BY THAT DATE AND PRESSURE IS BEING APPLIED TO THE ARMY AND THE SIU TO COMPLETE THEIR INVESTIGATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.





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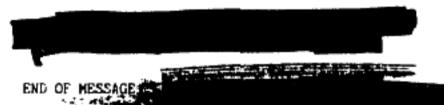


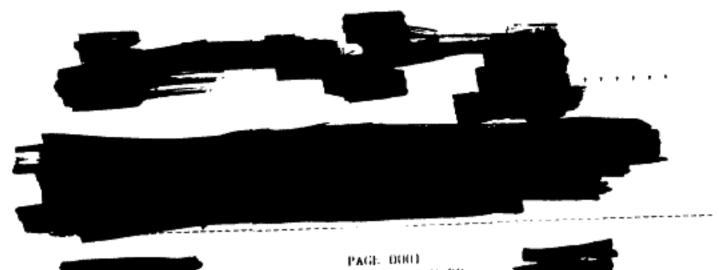
10. ON 8 JANUARY CRISTIANI NAMED A MILITARY HONOR TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE. THE TRIBUNAL IS COMPRISED OF ARMY OFFICERS AND TWO CIVILIAN LAWYERS. THERE IS CONCERN IN THE EMBASSY THAT THE TRIBUNAL WILL BECOME THE LEAD INVESTIGATING BODY, REPLACING THE SIU, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT "THE FOX IS INVESTIGATING THE CHICKENS" AND THAT THE SIU WILL LOSE PRESTICE AS AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE BODY (THE SIU IS AN EMBASSY CREATION). TO AVOID THE SITUATION THE EMBASSY IS ASKING THAT THE HONOR TRIBUNAL ISSUE AN ORDER TO THE SIU TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SIU INVESTIGATE THE MURDERS IN AN INDEPENDENT MANNER AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE TRIBUNAL. IN EFFECT, THE TRIBUNAL'S ORDER WOULD BE A FORM OF CHARTER FOR THE SIU AND WOULD PRESERVE THE SIU'S IMAGE AS INDEPENDENT.

11. THE LATEST EVENTS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDERS HAS FOSTERED AN OPTIMISTIC FEELING BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE EMBASSY.

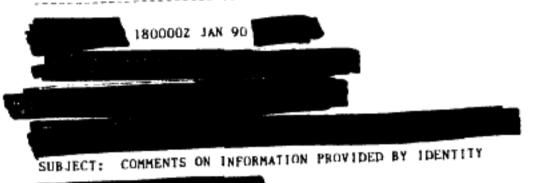
THEREIS ALSO A DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM

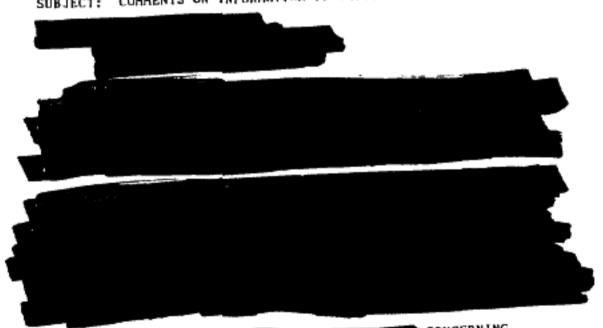
AND ALL POSSIBLE
LEADS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.
POSSIBILITY THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WILL CREATE FURTHER
TENSIONS WITHIN THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION, SPECIFICALLY THE
"TANDONA." THE TANDONA WAS ALREADY UNDER FIRE FROM YOUNGER
OFFICERS AND THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS MAY ONLY FUEL THAT FIRE.



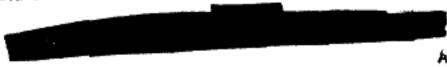


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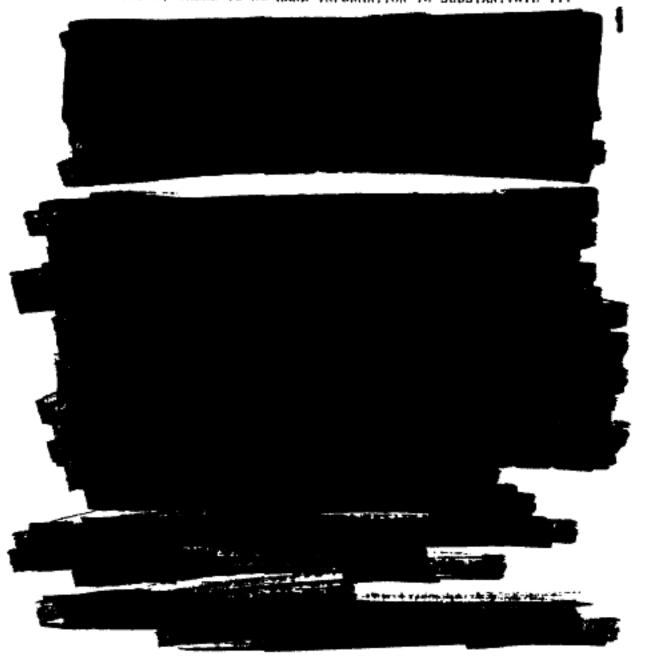
CONCERNING
COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO REFLECT POPULAR
BELIEF AMONG OBSERVERS IN COUNTRY. MOST WHO KNOW BENAVIDES FIND
IT HARD TO BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE ORDERED THE JESUIT MURDERS.
AS SUBJ SAYS, ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) IS BLAMED FOR PRACTICALLY
EVERYTHING BAD WHICH OCCURS IN EL SALVADOR. IN THE CASE OF THE
JESUITS, THE INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO INDICATE THAT THERE IS
EVEN A REMOTE CONNECTION BETWEEN D'AUBUISSON AND THE MURDERS.

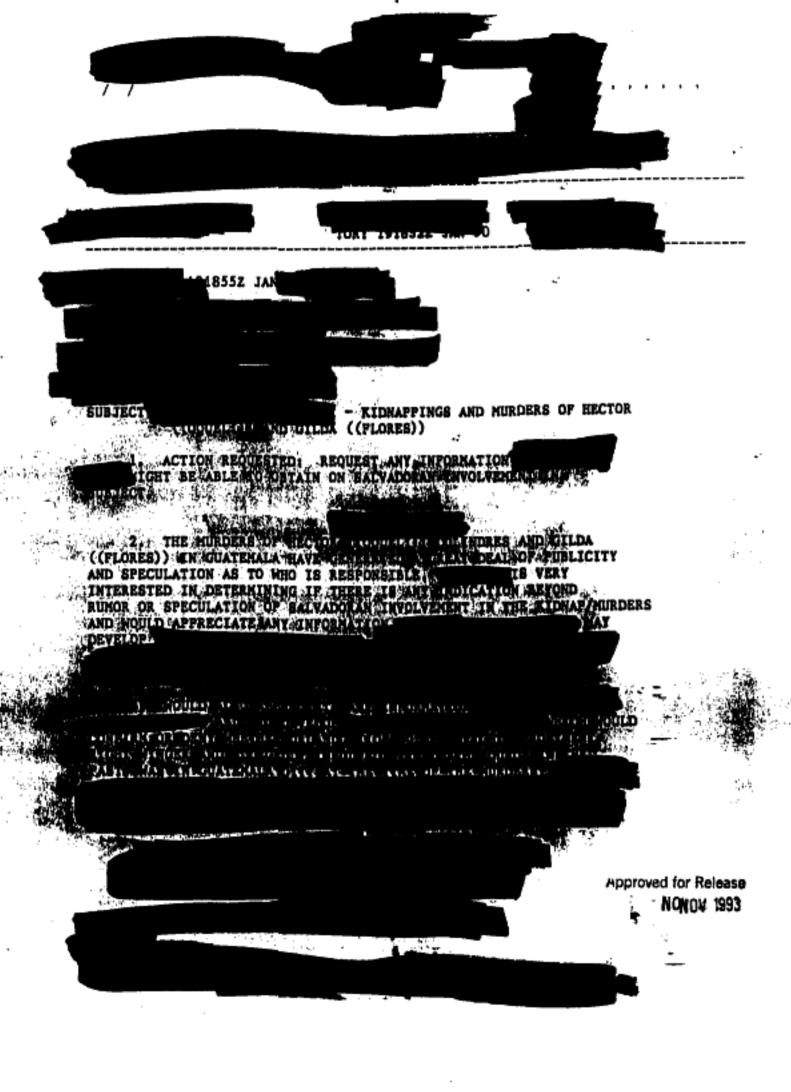


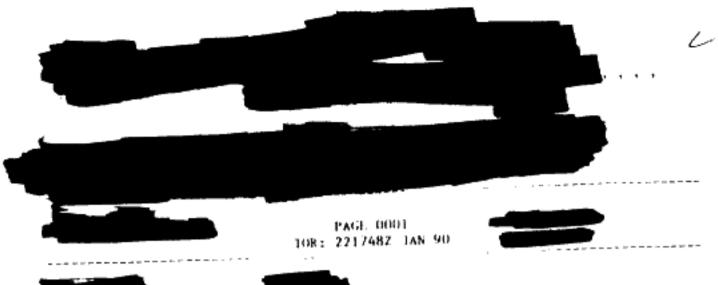
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THE SAME APPLIES FOR INVOLVEMENT OF THE AIR FORCE. THERE IS NO PROOF AT THIS TIME THAT THE AIR FORCE PLAYED ANY PART IN THE MURDERS. STATION UNILATERAL SOURCES HAVE CONJECTURED THAT COLONEL LEIVA MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, BUT, AS IN THE CASE OF D'AUBUISSON, THERE IS NO HARD INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE IT.







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SUBJECT: LT. COL. GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO

2. AS HQS AWARE, LT. COL. GUILLERNO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES))
HORENO, DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND PREVIOUSLY C-2 OF
THE GENERAL STAFF, IS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER IMPLICATED IN THE
NOVEMBER 1989 MURDER OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

3. BIO DATA: LT. COL. GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO POB: SAN SALVADOR

OCC: MILITARY GRADUATE OF ESCUELA MILITAR, 1966

PROMOTIONS: SUB. LT.: 11 NOV 1966

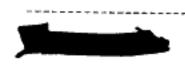
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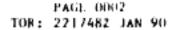
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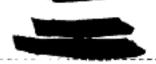
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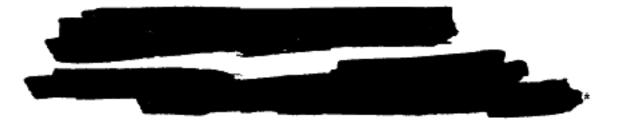


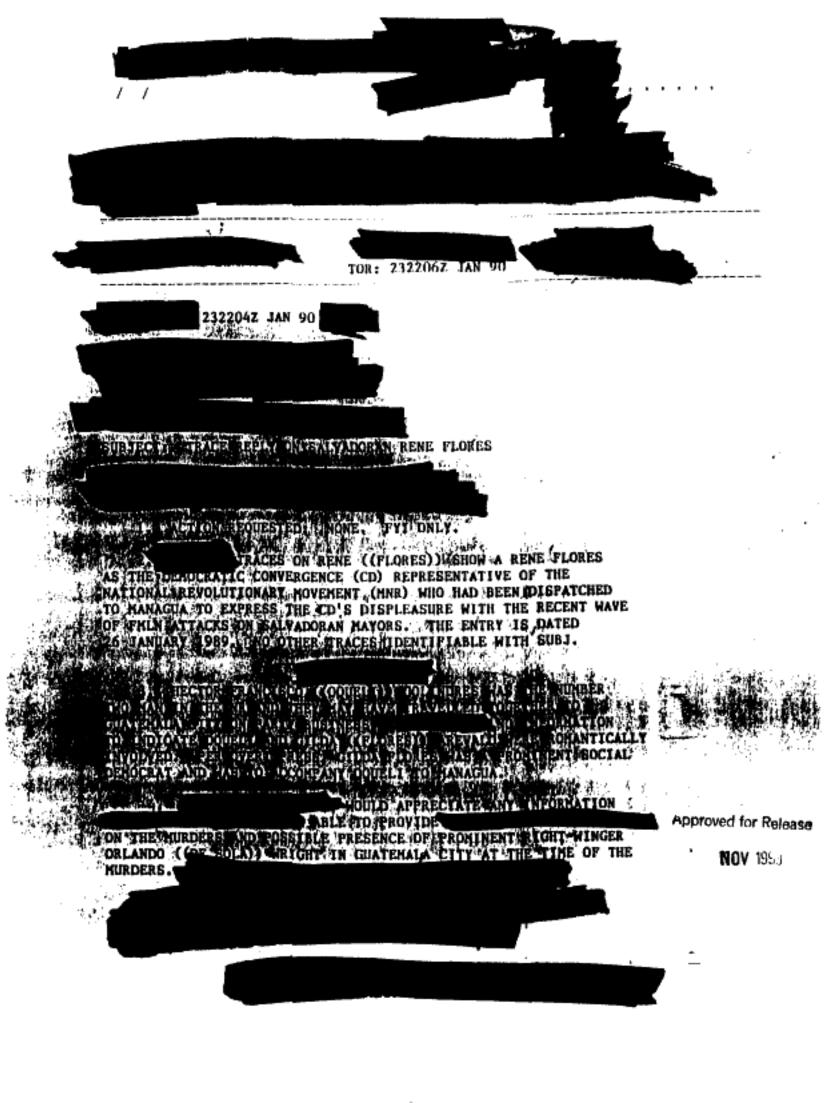


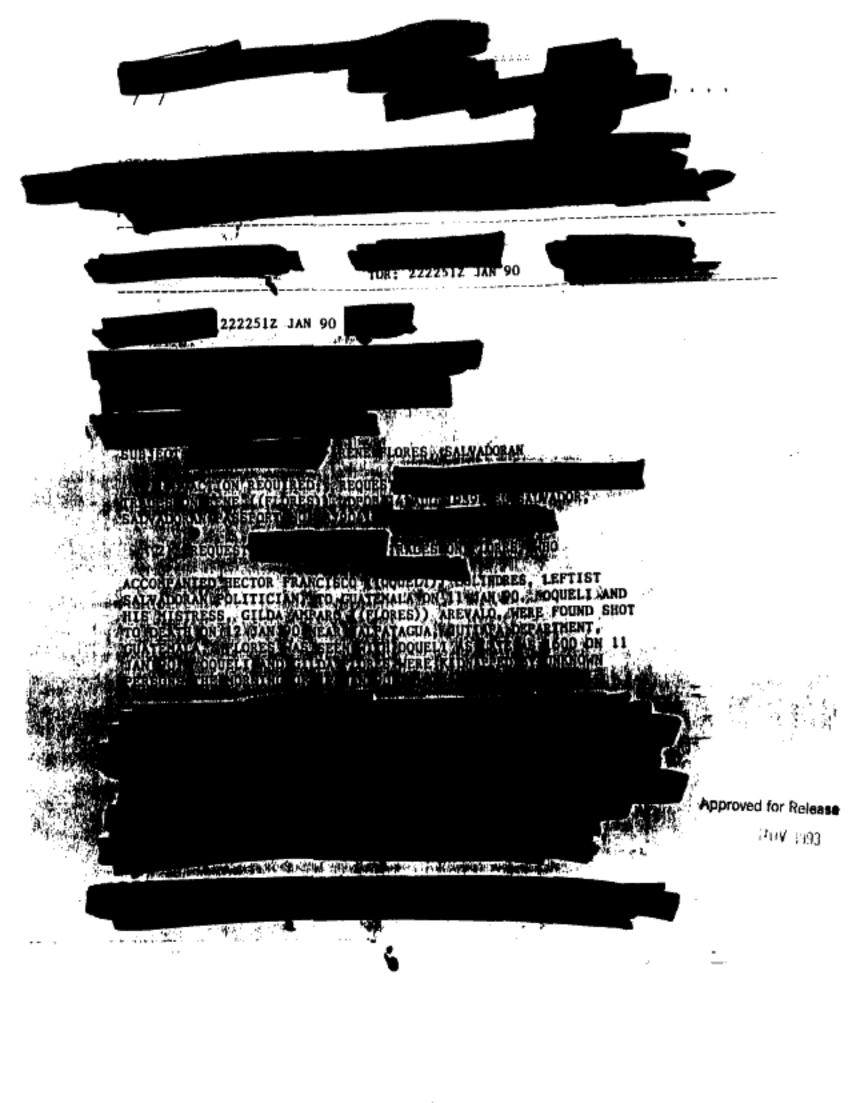


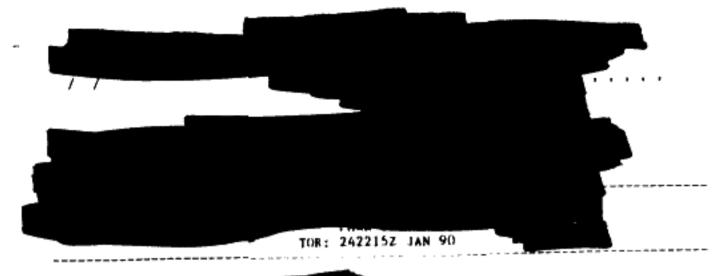


MAY 1969 - OCT 1969: 2ND MILITARY ZONE, SONSONATE OCT 1969 - APRIL 1970: NATIONAL POLICE APRIL 1970 - MARCH 1971: FIRST BRIGADE APRIL 1971 - JAN 1973; ESTADO MAYOR JAN 1973 - DEC 1973: ESTAIN MAYOR OF THE PRESIDENCY DEC 1973 - APRIL 1974: INSTRUCTION CENTER FOR RECPUITS APRIL 1974 - DEC 1975: NATIONAL POLICE JAN 1976 - FEB 1978: MILITARY SCHOOL, ASSISTANT TO S-1 FEB 1978 " FEB 1982: ESTADO MAYOR FEB 1982 - JAN 1983: DM-6 JAN 1983 - MARCH 1983: DM-5 APRIL 1983 - NOV 1983: BIRI BELLOSO NOV 1983 - FEB 1984: 6TH BRIGADE (EXECUTIVE OFFICE) FEB 1984 - OCT 1984: NATIONAL POLICE (CHIEF OF D 3) NOV 1984 - FEB 1986: BIRI BELLOSO (COMANDANTE) FEB 1986 - JULY 1986: DM 3 (COMANDANTE) JULY 1986 - AUG 1987: ESTADO MAYOR SEPT 1987 - JUNE 1988: DH-5 (COMMANDER) 30 JUNE 1988 - CIRCA SUMMER 1989: C-2, ESTADO MAYOR CIRCA SUMMER 1989 - PRESENT: DIRECTOR, ESCUELA MILITAR









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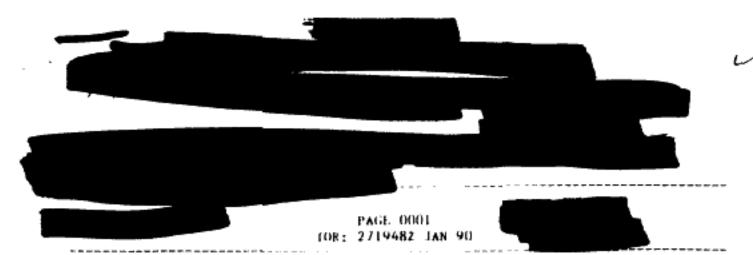
SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR FB1 SPECIAL AGENTS
SAN SALVADOR

2. ON 17 JANUARY, COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO BENAVIDES MORENO AND EIGHT OTHER EL SALVADORAN MILITARY MEMBERS WERE CHARGED WITH THE MURDERS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

INVESTIGATION, IN WHICH CASE THEY WILL AGAIN ASK

FOR

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT.



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COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: F

FMLN DECISION TO POSTPONE NATIONAL OFFENSIVE DUE IN

PART TO FRONT GROUPS' INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE;

FRONT GROUP PLANS TO DISRUPT GOVERNMENT

DOI:

LATE DECEMBER 1989 - MID-JANUARY 1990



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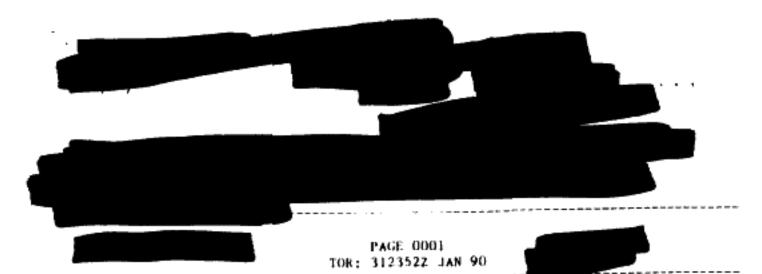
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FMLN POLITICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS SATE THE POSTFONEAUNT OF THE OFFENSIVE WAS BASED IN PART ON NATIONAL UNITY OF SALVADORAN WORKERS (UNTS) DIRECTORATE MEMBER JULIO CESAR ((PORTILLO))'S DECLARATION THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE RANK AND FILE MEMBERS WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT A NATIONWIDE ARMED OPERATION. MEMBERS WERE UNPREPARED BECAUSE THEY WERE SHOCKED BY THE OFFENSIVE WHICH BEGAN ON 11 NOVEMBER 1989, AND UNTS MEMBERS AND OTHER FRONT GROUP MEMBERS WENT INTO HIDING AND HAVE REFUSED TO EMERGE THE GOVERNMENT IMPOSED STATE OF SIEGE AND SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS HAVE ALSO HAMPERED THE GROUP'S OPERATIONS.

3. HOWEVER, PORTILLO PROMISED TO SUPPORT THE NEXT NATIONAL INSURRECTION ONCE THE STATE OF SIEGE WAS LIFTED AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ARE RESTORED. THE UNTS AND OTHER FRONT ORGANIZATIONS ALSO PLANNED TO MOUNT CAMPAIGNS TO DENOUNCE "HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES" BY

THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR: THE 31 OCTOBER 1989 BOMBING OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SALVADORAN WORKERS UNIONS (FENASTRAS), WHICH CLAIMED THE LIVES OF UNION LEADERS, INCLUDING FENASTRAS LEADER FEBE ELIZABETH VELAZQUEZ; AND THE 16 NOVEMBER ASSASSINATIONS OF THE SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY JESUIT PRIESTS.

- 4. PORTILLO CLAIMED THE MPSC BELIEVES THE JESUITS WERE NOT KILLED BY LOW RANKING SOLDIERS, BUT THAT THE KILLINGS WERE ORCHESTRATED BY COLONEL HECTOR HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)), DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE, AND ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY. THE MPSC PLANS TO PUBLICLY CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF HERNANDEZ AND D'AUBUISSON, IF THEY ARE NOT IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS THE MASTERNINDS OF THE ASSASSINATIONS.
- 5. ARMY COLONEL GUILLERMO BENAVIDES AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ATLACATL IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF THE JESUITS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO DATE IMPLICATING EITHER HERNANDEZ OR D'AUBUISSON.)



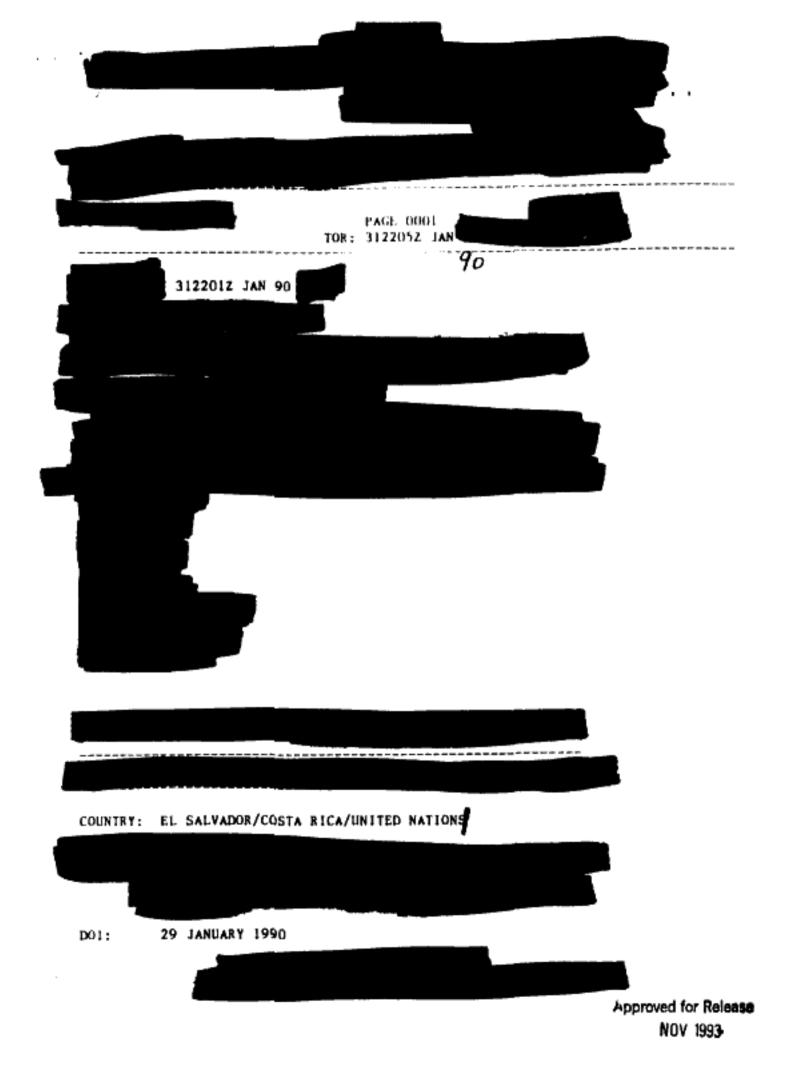
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"THE FILM HAS LOOKED FAVORABLY ON THE UNITED NATIONS AS A MECHANISM FOR PEACE TALKS WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT FOR SOME TIME. CRISTIANI'S VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS LIKELY TO ENCOURAGE THAT VIEW, AS INDICATED IN THIS REPORT. COLONEL CARLOS ANGEL ((AVILES)), THE ARMY STAFF CHIEF OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS (C-V), WAS SLATED FOR ASSIGNMENT AS A MILITARY ATTACHE IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, HE IS SAID TO HAVE IMPLICATED MILITARY ACADEMY DIRECTOR COLONEL GUILLERMO ((BENAVIDES)) IN THE 16 NOVEMBER 1989 HURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR, AND HIS ASSIGNMENT IS ON HOLD. THERE IS NO INFORMATION TO DATE IMPLICATING EITHER AVILES OR D'AUBUISSON IN THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS."

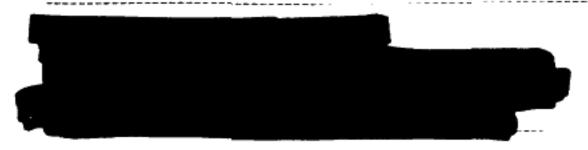
4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHY DENYING AVILES'

ASSIGNMENT TO THE U.S. WOULD BENEFIT ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON));
THE FMLM TENDS TO SEE THE HAND OF D'AUBUISSON BEHIND ALMOST
EVERY NEFARIOUS HAPPENING IN EL SALVADOR AND ABROAD.

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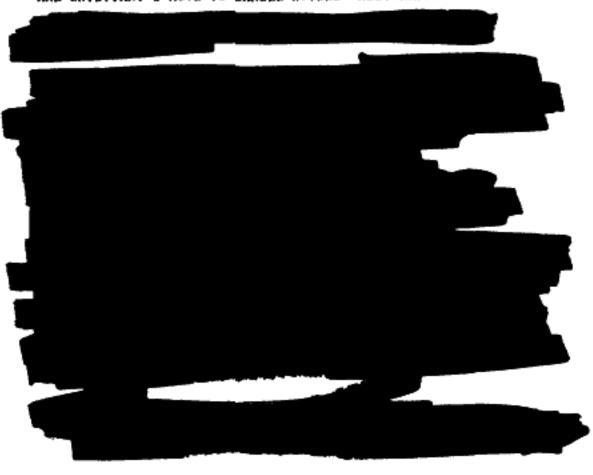
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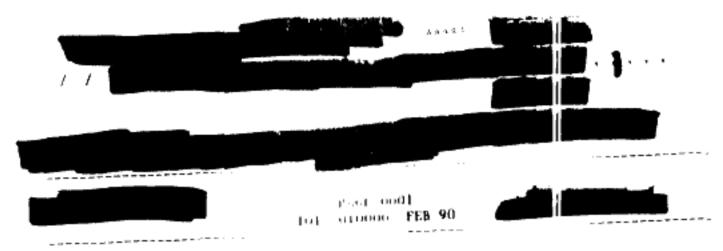


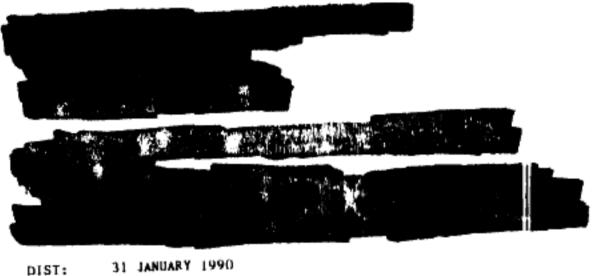
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ASKED WHY THE FREN 4. WHEN REPRESENTATIVE HAD NOT TRAVELED TO HONDURAS TO MEET WITH ARIAS ON AFOREMENTIONED ISSUES, PEPLIED THAT FHLN HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED A SOLID RELATIONSHIP WITH CALLEJAS AND DID NOT WANT TO CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS. ALSO SAID THAT SINCE THIS VISIT WAS JUST TO KEEP ARIAS INFORMED OF FMLN PLANS. CONTENT TO MEET WITH SAID THAT THE PHIN ALSO WANTED ARIAS TO BE AWARE THAT WHILE CRISTIANI APPEARS TO BE SERIOUS IN INVESTIGATING THE MURDER OF THE JESUITS, THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT STOP WITH COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFRENO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO, AS A COLONEL CARLOS ((AVILES)) IS ALSO ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED. AVILES WAS DUE TO ASSUME THE JOB OF SALVADORAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BUT WAS SUDDENLY DROPPED FROM THIS POSITION BY CRISTIANI. THE FALL SEES THE HAND

OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) BEHIND THE KILLINGS OF THE JESUITS AND CRISTIANI'S MOVE TO CANCEL AVILES' ASSIGNMENT TO THE U.S.







COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

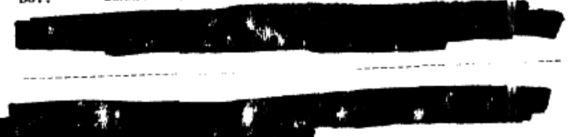
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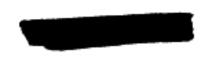
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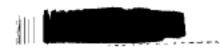




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SUMMARY: DURING THE SUMMER OF 1989, MAJOR BAD OF THAT HIS SUPERIORS HAD ORDERED THE EXECUTION OF THE SEBASTIAN ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1988. HE CLAIMED THE DEFENDENCE OF THE FIRST BRIGADI COMMENCE OF THE FIRST BRIGADI COMMENCE OF THE FIRST BRIGADI COMMENCE OF THE BAD HAINTAINED THE EXECUTION WAS AN INSURGENT AMBUSH. BELLBAN OF THE SITE WHERE THE INSURGENTS HAD BEEN CAPTURED TO THE FIFTH BRIGADE COMMANDER'S ORDER TO EXECUTE THE THE INCIDENT LOOK LIKE AN INSURGENT AMBUSH OF THE THE FIFTH BRIGADE COMMANDER ISSUED SEVERAL ORDER. UP THE INCIDENT.

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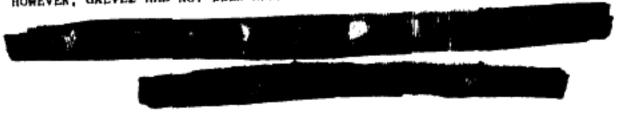
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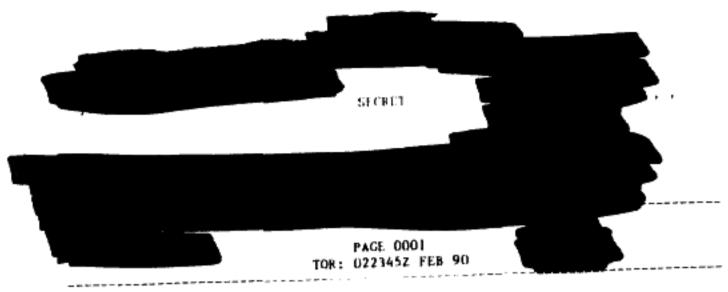
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TEXT: 1. DURING THE SUMMER OF 1989, CALVAIRDE BOX 1 CT; (ESAF)
MAJOR MAURICIO ((BELTRAN)) GRANAIROS, WHO WAS ARRED IN CORDERING
THE "SAN SEBASTIAN MASSACRE," COMMENTED THAT BOX 1 COUNT, AND
THE SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF CAPTURED INSUBGENTS IN THAT IN THE ENSUING COVER UP.
"MASSACRE" OCCURRED ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1988, WHITE ARRED INSURGED IN THE FIFTH
INFANTRY BRIGADE EXECUTED 10 CAPTURED INSURGED IN THE TOTAL IN THE
EXECUTIONS TO LOOK LIKE AN INSURGENT AMBUSIL BOX 1
FOR HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN DIRECTING THE "MASSACRE"

- 2. BELTRAN SAID THAT HIS DETENTION AND THE INCIDENT OF THEIR ROLE INVOLVED IN THE SAN SEBASTIAN KILLINGS ARE UNDERSTOOD OF THEIR ROLE COMMANDER OF CARRYING OUT ORDERS GIVEN BY THE COMMANDER OF CARRYING OUT ORDERS GIVEN BY THE COMMANDER OF THAT CHAVEZ CACERES' CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT HIS THE ANATES' INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLINGS WERE UNTRUE. HE ADDRESS OF THAT HE LOYALTY TO CHAVEZ CACERES, HE HAD MAINTAINED THE COURT WAS AN INSURGENT AMBUSH THROUGHOUT THE LOYALTY TO CHAVEZ CACERES, HE HAD MAINTAINED THE COURT WAS AN INSURGENT AMBUSH THROUGHOUT THE LOYALTY OF THE SECUTIONS THE INCIDENT. BELTRAN ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE HE CARROLL ONE EXECUTIONS WAS FALSE.
- 3. BELTRAN DESCRIBED THE EVENTS LEADING UP to 602 FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT. HE SAID THAT ON THE MORNING UP 21 SEPTEMBER A FIFTH BRIGADE COMPANY UNDER THE COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT Leader OF IESUS ((GALVEZ)) GALVEZ CAPTURED FOUR INSURGENTS IN SAID FOR TIAN. A FELLOW OFFICER TOLD BELTRAN THAT FOLLOWING INC. CAPTURED OF THE INSURGENTS, GALVEZ HAD RECEIVED ORDERS TO EXECUTE THE FASSURGENTS; HOWEVER, GALVEZ HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE When a reduct the ORDER.





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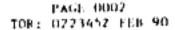
SUBJECT: RUMORS OF EARLY DNI KNOWLEDGE OF SALVADORAN MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JESUIT MURDERS

POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. MEDIA WILL SOON REPORT ALLEGATIONS SUGGESTING THAT OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI), AND POSSIBLY U.S. ADVISORS THERE, WERE AWARE AS EARLY AS THE MORNING OF 16 NOVEMBER 1989 THAT THE SALVADORAN HILITARY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS EARLIER THAT MORNING.

- AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS HADE AT A 16 NOVEMBER MORNING MEETING AT DNI
  HEADQUARTERS THAT REVEREND ELLACURIA HAD BEEN KILLED "TRYING TO
  ESCAPE" OR "RESISTING ARREST" (IMPLYING BY THOSE PHRASES THAT HE HAD
  BEEN KILLED BY THE HILLTARY); THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS GREETED BY
  APPLAUSE, PROMPTING ONE OFFICER TO DECLARE THAT RESPONSE INAPPROPRIATE AND SHORT-SIGHTED IN TERMS OF WHAT THE EVENT WOULD
  MEAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY; AND THAT THOSE PRESENT OR
  AWARE OF THE EVENTS OF THE MEETING WERE PART OF A COVER-UP
  INASMUCH AS THEY DID NOT COME FORWARD WITH THIS INFORMATION.
  THIS STORY, OR VARIATIONS ON THE THEME, HAVE GAINED ENOUGH
  CURRENCY AMONG THE U.S. MEDIA REPS HERE THAT WE EXPECT WE MAY
  WELL SEE SOME REFERENCE TO IT IN THE U.S. MEDIA.
- 3. INVESTIGATED THESE ALLEGATIONS AND HAS DETERMINED THAT:
- A. THERE WAS A MEETING OF PRINCIPAL DNI OFFICERS ON 16 NOVEMBER, AT 0700 OR 0730 HOURS. DNI INITIATED EARLY MORNING MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE FMLN OFFENSIVE THAT BEGAN 11 NOVEMBER.

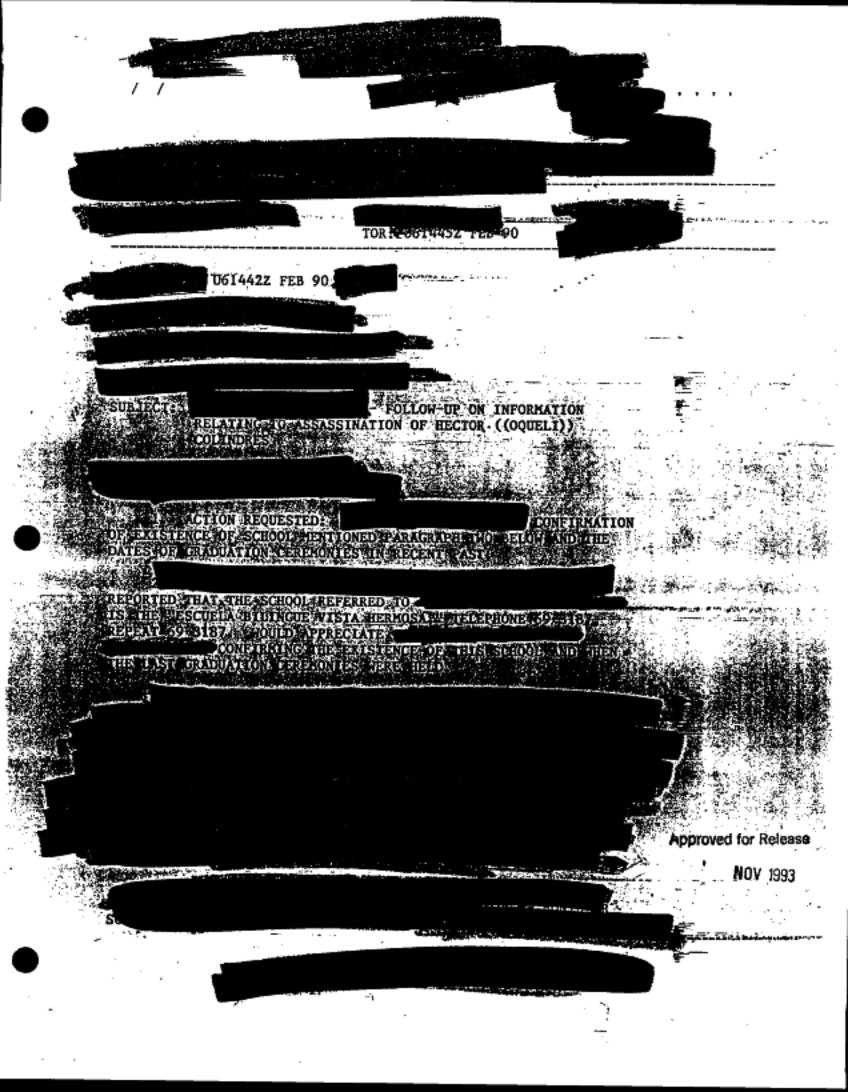
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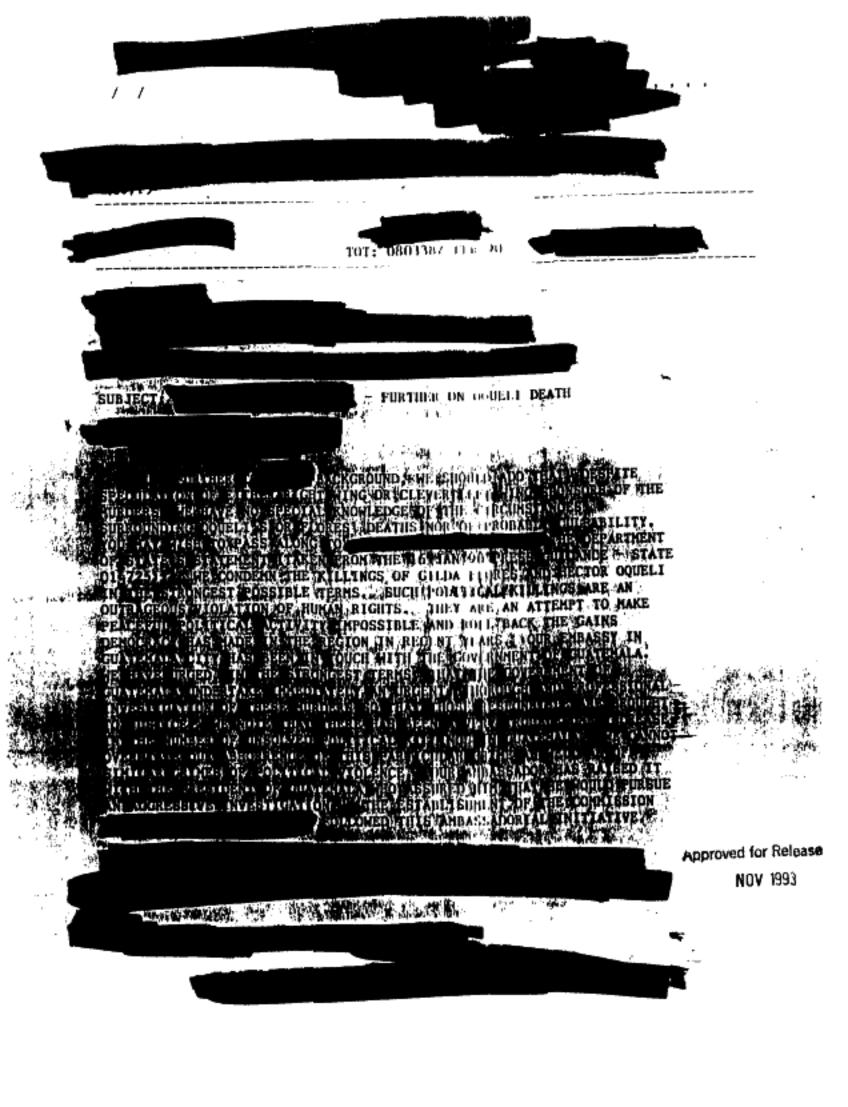


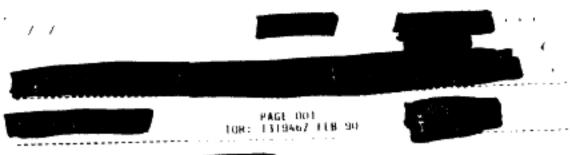


## B. NO U.S. PERSONNEL WERE PRESENT.

- C. AT SOME POINT IN THE MEETING, DNI CHIEF OF OPERATIONS CAPTAIN HERRERA INTERRUPTED THE MEETING AND IN A QUIET ASIDE TO (THEN) DNI DIRECTOR COLONEL GUZHAN AGUILAR SAID HE HAD JUST HEARD ON THE RADIO OF THE KILLINGS OF ELLACURIA AND OTHER JESUITS. (NOTE: A STORY IS CIRCULATING THAT THE "RADIO" HERRERA HAD LEARNED THE NEWS FROM WAS THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES TACTICAL NET. SUGGESTING HE HAD MONITORED A MILITARY CALL WHICH IMPLICATED THE MILITARY IN THE MURDERS. HERRERA ENTERED THE MEETING WITH HIS MX RADIO IN HAND. THIS IS NOT UNCOMMON, BUT MAY BE THE GENESIS OF THIS ACCOUNT.) HERRERA HAS SAID HE HEARD THE NEWS ON "COMMERCIAL RADIO". 1 BECAUSE OF THE "STATE OF EXCEPTION" DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT SHORTLY AFTER THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN, LOCAL COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS DID NOT BEGIN BROADCASTING UNTIL LATER THAT HORNING, BUT THAT THE NEWS WAS OUT ON THE WIRE SERVICES AND WAS BROADCAST BY SHORT WAVE COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, WHICH WERE HEARD IN SAN SALVADOR AS EARLY AS 0630 THAT MORNING. DNI REGULARLY MONITORS SHORT WAVE BROADCASTS IN THE EARLY MORNING.)
- D. UPON RECEIVING THE NEWS FROM CAPTAIN HERRERA, COLONEL GUZMAN REPEATED IT TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. SOME DID REACT SPONTANEOUSLY WITH APPLAUSE. COLONEL ROBERTO PINEDA GUERRA, THEN DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL AND PRESENT AT THE HEETING, INTERVENED, POINTING OUT BOTH THE INAPPROPRIATENESS AND THE SHORTSIGHTEDNESS OF THAT REACTION.
- 4. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND SOME OTHER SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS
  ARE AWARE OF THE RUMORS, THE SPECULATION,









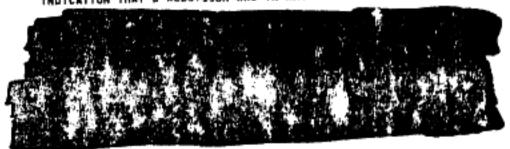
MEMBERS OF CODEL MORKLEY

- BRIEFING OF HPSCI

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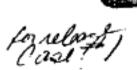
- ACTION REQUESION: NONE, FYE.
- CONGRESS TRAVELLING WITH THE MORKLEY CODEL WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE HPSCI (REPRESENTATIVES SHUSTER, DORNAN, KENNELLY, MCHUGH AND GLICKMAN) AND HPSCI STAFFERS O'NEILL AND DUPART DURING RUSHED 40 MINUTE SESSION AFTERNOON 12 FEBRUARY 1990. REPRESENTATIVE SHUSTER CHAIRED THE SESSION AND ALLOTED EACH HEMBER ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO PURSUE TOPICS OF HIS/HER INTEREST. THE QUESTIONS COVERED AREAS AND SUBJECTS EXPLCTED AND WERE NON-CONFRONTATIONAL. ALL PARTIES APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE ANSWERS PROVIDED AND HERE SATISFIED WERE SKIRTED OR LEFT HANGING. EACH HEMBER CAME UP INDIVIDUALLY AND THANKED AND THE GOOD WORK". BURGEFED THE FIVE MEMBERS OF
- 3. SPECIFICALLY, THE MEMBERS RAISED THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS, AND THE RESULTING INVESTIGATION AND ASKED OUR REACTION TO THE SPECULATION THAT COLONEL BENAVIDES DID NOT ACT ALONE. WE BRIEFED ON THE HECTIC, ALMOST HYSTERICAL ATMOSPHERE IN THE CITY AT THE TIME, THE PARALYSIS OF BENAVIDES'S SON. THE PRESSURE ON BENAVIDES TO GET HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY UNDER CONTROL, AND THE GENERAL PERCEPTION OF MOST MILITARY OFFICERS THAT THE JESUITS WERE THE INTELLECTUAL LEADERS OF THE FMLM. SEVERAL MINUTES WERE TAKEN ON THE LATTER ISSUE, THE PERCEIVED AND ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FMLN OF UCA AND THE JESUITS, AND ON WHETHER THERE IS PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS PERSONS IN GENERAL. THE REPRESENTATIVES TOOK RATHER EXTENSIVE NOTES, ASKED GOOD QUESTIONS, AND APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED THAT THE MILITARY SEARCHES AND ARRESTS WERE TARGETTED AGAINST SPECIFIC INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONS AND WERE BASED UPON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND PREVIOUS INFORMATION OF DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE FMLN; THEY WERE NOT PART OF A GENERAL HARASSMENT OF THE CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS ORDERS. THE MEMBERS ALSO ASKED ABOUT D'AUBUISSON'S POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT.

REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED, AND NO INDICATION THAT D'AUBUISSON WAS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED.

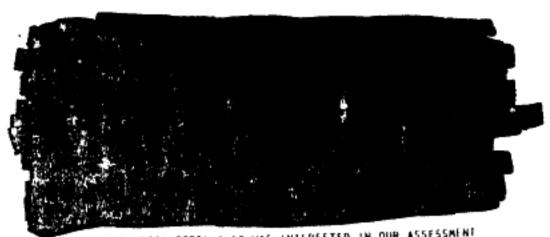


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4. THE HPSCI CODEL ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RECENT FALL OFFENSIVE AND IN THE STATE OF PLAY OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE PROVIDED A GENERAL DI BRIEF ON BOTH THESE MATTERS, AND THE COMMENTS AND INTERCHANGES INDICATED THAT THE MEMBERS AND STAFF WERE SATISFIED WITH OUR ANSWERS. JEHNIFER CASOLO WAS ONLY MENTIONED IN PASSING, AND INTERLISTINGLY WE GOT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION SHE IS NO LONGER THE DARLING OF THE LEFT. MANY MIMBERS EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO HER INNOCENCE, AND ALL AGREED THAT HER CREDIBILITY WAS SERIOUSLY IN QUESTION.

ARRANGED A PRIVATE MEETING TO SHUSTER'S REQUEST, LOUIS DUPART TO DISCUSS THE CASOLO CASE AND MORE BETAILS OF THE OFICENSIVE AND PRESENT CAPABILITIES OF THE FMLN. SHUSTER AND DUPART DESCRIBED THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE VIDEO TAPE MADE AT THE SCENE OF THE ARMS DISCOVERY

COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT CASOLO'S U.S. ACTIVITIES ARE BEING GUIDED BY FALM FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. THE REST OF THE SESSION WAS GIVEN OVER THE DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE INSURGENCY AND FUTURE SCENARIOS.

G. AT NO TIME DID ANY OF THE HPSC! MEMBERS OR STAFFERS
DEMONSTRATE PRECONCEIVED BLASES OR SUSPICIONS OF WRONG-DOING
OR IMPROPRIETY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE QUESTIONS ASKED WERE NEWIRAL
IN TONE, AND THE REACTIONS TO COMMENTS POSITIVE AND
COMPLIMENTARY. GLICKMAN, MCHUGH AND KENNELLY WERE GRACIOUS AND
NON-CONFRONTATIONAL, SHUSTER AND DORNAN OPENLY SUPPORTIVE AND ALL
APPEARED SATISFIED WITH OUR BRIEFING. THEY ALL LAMENTED THAT THEIR
SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT MORE TIME TO PURSUE THE SUBJECTS OF THEIR
THEIR INTEREST IN MORE DEPTH, BUT WE DID NOT GET THE IMPRESSION THAT
THEY QUESTIONED IN ANY WAY OUR PROFESSIONALISM OR INTEGRITY. ALL IN
ALL, A GOOD VISIT.







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SUBJECT: FMLN EVALUATION OF 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE; REVISED

FALN MILITARY PLANS

DDI: 11 NOVEMBER - MID-DECEMBER 1989

TEXT: 1. IN MID-DECEMBER 1989,

GENERAL COMMAND INITIATED A THREE PHASE "EMERGENCY" PLAN AFTER THE FMLN'S FAILURE TO ACHIEVE MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN THE FIRST HOURS OF THE 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE.

- THE OBJECTIVE OF THE OFFENSIVE WAS TO SEIZE PRINCIPAL MILITARY GARRISONS IN THE CITIES OF SAN SALVADOR, SAN MIGUEL, USULUTAN, SANTA ANA, AND ZACATECOLUCA. HE SAID FALN INSURGENTS FAILED TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE BECAUSE OF STRATEGIC ERRORS COMMITTED AT ALL LEVELS OF THE FALN COMMAND.
- 3. THE EMERGENCY PLAN CALLED FOR RESERVE FORCES TO REMAIN IN PLACE OUTSIDE TARGET CITIES, RATHER THAN SUPPORTING INSURGENTS ENGAGED IN COMBAT.
- RESULTED IN THE NEED FOR THE EMERGENCY PLAN. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GENERAL COMMAND HAD MADE NO PROVISION FOR THE FAILURE OF FMLN COMBAT UNITS TO ACHIEVE THEIR PRIMARY GOALS. IN ADDITION, FMLN UNITS FAILED TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIONS. THE FMLN ALSO FAILED TO TAKE OVER RADIO STATIONS, WHICH THEY HAD PLANNED TO USE TO ANNOUNCE THEIR "VICTORY" OVER THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES (ESAF) AND TO RALLY SUPPORT AMONG THE POPULACE. ALSO, MOST FMLN COMMANDERS WERE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREAS THEIR UNITS WERE FIGHTING IN, WHICH RESULTED IN A SLOWER ADVANCE BY THESE UNITS THAN HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED.
- 5. IN SAN MIGUEL, THE FMLN SUFFERED A MAJOR SETBACK WITH THE DEATH OF COMMANDER ALIAS "GUATUZO" AND THE WOUNDING OF ALIAS "AMADEO."

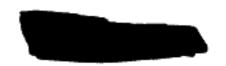
  THESE TWO COMMANDERS CAUSED CONFUSION AMONG COMBATANTS, PREVENTING THEM FROM ATTAINING THEIR OBJECTIVES.

  NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON WHY THOUGHT GUATUZO WAS A NICARAGUAN.)
- 6. IN VIEW OF THE FACTORS CITED ABOVE, THE FMLN INSTITUTED ITS EMERGENCY PLAN. PHASE ONE CALLED FOR FMLN COMBATANTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITIONS AND NOT ATTACK MILITARY CUARTELS. IT ALSO INSTRUCTED FMLN UNITS TO FORCE THE ESAF TO USE ARTILLERY AND AIR ATTACKS IN POPULATED AREAS, THUS FOSTERING INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. FMLN UNITS WERE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE TERRAIN, INTERCEPT ESAF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TO ANTICIPATE COUNTERATTACKS, AND INFILTRATE CIVILIANS INTO ESAF AREAS TO CARRY OUT SURVEILLANCE IN PREPARATION FOR FURTHER FMLN MILITARY ACTION.

THE MURDER OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS ON 16

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NOVEMBER AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE OF ESAF AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS AGAINST POPULATED AREAS CONVINCED THE FMLM GENERAL COMMAND TO DELAY THE WITHDRAWAL OF COMBATANTS FROM THE CITIES, AS PHASE ONE ALSO CALLED FOR. THE GENERAL COMMAND BELIEVED INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE WOULD MAKE THE FMLM RETREAT FROM THE CITIES EASIER, AND ALLOW IT TO CARRY OUT SUBSEQUENT OFFENSIVE ACTIONS WITH LITTLE OR NO NEGATIVE PRESS COVERAGE.

- 8. PHASE TWO OF THE PLAN BEGAN ON 4 DECEMBER, AND CALLED FOR "MASS DESTRUCTION" OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE IT ALSO CALLED FOR AMBUSHES AGAINST ESAF UNITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE COFFEE GROWING REGIONS, AND FOR THE TAKEOVER OF MILITARY UNITS IN SMALL CITIES. THE GENERAL COMMAND HOPED THIS STRATEGY WOULD DRAW ESAF UNITS FROM MAJOR CITIES-
- 9. PHASE THREE, FOR WHICH A DATE WAS NOT SET, CALLED FOR THE USE OF HEAVY SUPPORT WEAPONS

SUCH AS RECOILLESS RIFLES AND MORTARS FOR AN EIGHT HOUR PERIOD AGAINST MILITARY CUARTELS.

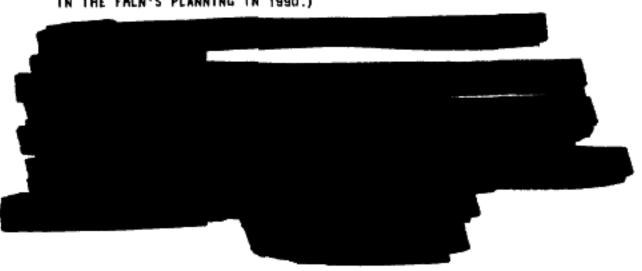
HOT EMPLOYING HEAVY WEAPONS DURING THE 11 NOVEMBER OFFENSIVE.

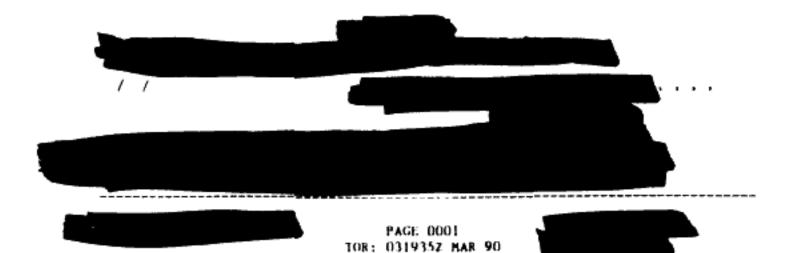
HOWEVER, THE FMLN GENERAL COMMAND BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE SEEN AS JUSTIFIED IN USING THESE WEAPONS, BECAUSE OF HEAVY INTERNATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE OF ESAF ARTILLERY AND AIR ATTACKS AGAINST POPULATED AREAS, AND THE DEATHS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

HOWEVER, THE FMLN'S PLANS TO USE HEAVY SUPPORT WEAPONS.

IO. PHASE THREE WAS INTENDED TO FORCE ESAF UNITS OUT OF THEIR GARRISONS, BY STAGING FMLN ATTACKS IN UPPER CLASS HEIGHBORHOODS. THE FMLN GENERAL COMMAND BELIEVED THAT ESAF UNITS COULD THEN BE MORE EASILY AMBUSHED. PHASE THREE WAS TO MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF FMLN COMBATANTS FORCIBLY RECRUITED SINCE II NOVEMBER, BUT ONLY AFTER THEY HAD RECEIVED THREE MONTHS OF MILITARY TRAINING. COMBATANTS WOUNDED IN PHASE ONE WOULD ALSO TAKE PART IN PHASE THREE ONCE THEY HAD RECOVERED FROM THEIR WOUNDS. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE THREE MONTH TRAINING PERIOD FOR THE FORCIBLY RECRUITED COMBATANTS—MOST OF WHOM WERE RECRUITED IN DECEMBERINDICATES THAT PHASE THREE OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN WOULD PROBABLY COMMENCE IN MARCH OF 1890.)

SINCE NOVEMBER 1989, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE THIRD PHASE OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT WOULD STILL BE A CONSIDERATION IN THE FMLM'S PLANNING IN 1990.)





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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN JESUIT MURDER CASE

- ACTION REQUESTED: NONE. FY! ONLY.
- 2. AS THE JESUIT MURDER CASE ENTERS ITS FOURTH MONTH THERE IS A NOTABLE DECREASE IN THE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE AFFAIR IN THE PRESS AND IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

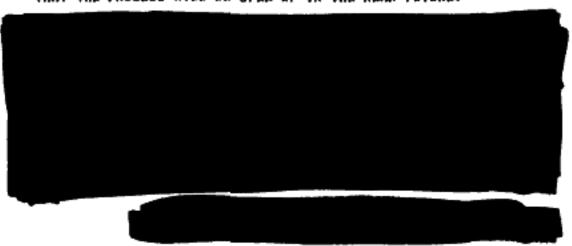
  CONTINUED TO WORK TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE INVESTIGATION AND COURT PROGRESS AS WELL AS MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE SALVADORAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO PROSECUTE THOSE CHARGED WITH THE CRIME.

THE EMBASSY

CLOSELY MONITOR THE COURT'S PROGRESS IN PROSECUTING THE CASE.

UNFORTUNATELY, PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW AND THERE IS LITTLE HOPE

THAT THE PROCESS WILL BE SPED UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



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AGREED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD BEFORE AND DURING THE NIGHT OF 15 NOVEMBER. TO DATE THE YOUNG MAN HAS PROVIDED A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE OFFENSIVE UP UNTIL 15 NOVEMBER.

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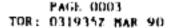
FIRST NON-MILITARY EYEWITNESS WITH WHAT MAY WELL BE VALUABLE INFORMATION.

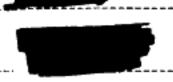
POSSIBILITY OF AIR FORCE INVOLVEMENT IN THE KILLINGS AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO POINT TO ANY AIR FORCE PARTICIPATION IN THE CRIMES.

REPORTED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF THE HURDERS
A UNIT OF THE LONG RANGE RECON PATROL (PRAL) LEFT
AIRBASE AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 HRS.
THE SAME INFORMATION AND ADDED THAT THE UNIT WAS LEAD BY
MAJOR ((PERDOMO)).

PRAL DID INDEED LEAVE
AT THAT HOUR, WITH THE
SPECIFIC MISSION OF PATROLLING THE
THIS WAS A LEGITIMATE MISSION AND IN NO WAY CONNECTED TO THE
HURDERS. TO DATE, NO OTHER INFORMATION HAS SURFACED TO
IMPLICATE THE AIR FORCE.

6. EMBASSY OFFICERS CONTINUE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH JUDICIAL OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN UPDATES ON THE PROGRESS IN THE CASE AND TO PRESSURE FOR ADVANCEMENT. SEVERAL OBSTACLES HAVE ARISEN WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT THREATEN THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME





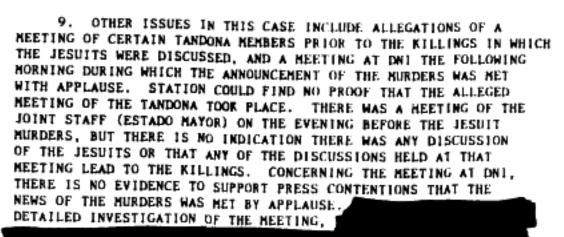
OF THE TRIAL. THE MOST IMPORTANT OBSTACLE CONFRONTING THE COURTS AT THE MOMENT IS FINDING SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO BIND COLONEL GUILLERMO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO OVER FOR TRIAL. JUDGE RICARIX) ((ZAMORA)), WHO CURRENTLY HAS JURISDICTION, ADVISED THE CASE AGAINST BENAVIDES IS VERY WEAK AND SAID IT IS POSSIBLE HE COULD BE FREED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. ACCORDING TO SALVADORAN LAW, AN INDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR CAN NOT TESTIFY AGAINST A FELLOW CO-CONSPIRATOR. THEREFORE, AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO WITNESS TO IMPLICATE BENAVIDES IN THE CRIME AND BENAVIDES STEADFASTLY DENIES ANY INVOLVEMENT. ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATING. CONFLICTING INFORMATION FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES DIFFERS AS TO WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO "UNINDICT" ONE OF THE LIEUTENANTS IN THE CASE AND USE HIM AS A WITNESS AGAINST BENAVIDES. JUDGE ZAMORA CLAIMS THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WHILE OTHERS ARGUE THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE UNDER EXISTING LAWS.

- 7.
  HANDLING OF THIS CASE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS LESS THAN ADEQUATE.
  PERHAPS THE EXPLANATION FOR JUDGE ZAMORA'S LACK OF ENTHUSIASH
  CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO FEAR FOR HIS LIFE SHOULD HE AGGRESIVELY
  PURSUE THIS CASE.

  HE FEARS THE ARMED FORCES, SPECIFICALLY THE
  "TANDONA", WILL SEEK REVENGE AGAINST HIM SHOULD HE PROSECUTE
  THE CASE TO ITS FULLEST. ZAMORA HAS GONE AS FAR AS TO ASK FOR
  PROTECTION AND VISAS TO SEND HIS FAMILY TO THE UNITED STATES.
- 8. WHILE ZAMORA'S PERCEPTION OF A THREAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE GIVEN THE HISTORICAL REALITIES OF EL SALVADOR, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THERE IS A THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE. IN FACTOR THE ARMED FORCES AS AN INSTITUTION WANT TO SEE THIS CASE PROSECUTED TO ITS FULL EXTENT, IF FOR NOTHING ELSE THAN TO CLEAR THE NAME OF THE ESAF. ADDITIONALLY, COLONEL PONCE HAS STATED, PUBLICLY

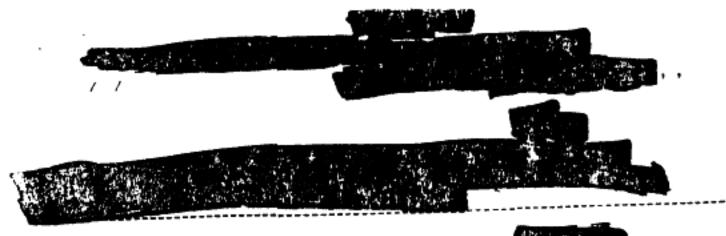
AND PRIVATELY THE GUILTY MUST BE PROSECUTED. ON THE OTHER HAND, PONCE HAS NOT GIVEN ZAMORA ANY SPECIAL ASSURANCES OR GUARANTEES. PONCE IS UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE FROM AT LEAST SOME TANDONA MEMBERS TO PROTECT FELLOW TANDONA MEMBER BENAVIDES. THIS PRESSURE MAY BE ONE OF THE REASONS PONCE HAS ARGUED REPEATEDLY TO USG OFFICIALS AND THE PRESS THAT THE MILITARY HAS DONE ITS PART IN THE INVESTIGATION (THE HONOR TRIBUNAL) AND THAT NOW IT IS UP TO THE COURTS. THE U.S. YICE PRESIDENT RECENTLY WARNED PONCE THAT THE MILITARY MUST ENSURE THAT THE GUILTY ARE PROSECUTED AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE SO THAT THE JUDICIAL PROCESS CAN GO FORWARD WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OR THREATS.

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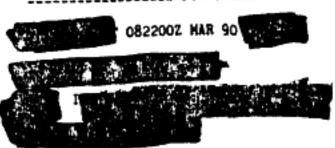
WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE A HANDFUL OF THE APPROXIMATELY 30 PERSONS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING MAY HAVE CLAPPED OR EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION THAT THE JESUITS HAD BEEN KILLED, THERE IS NOTHING TO CONFIRM THE ALLEGATION OF GENERAL APPLAUSE.



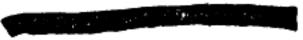


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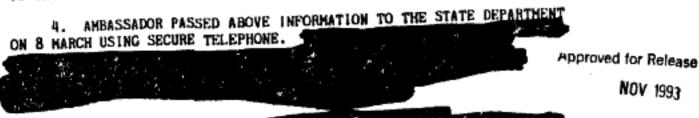


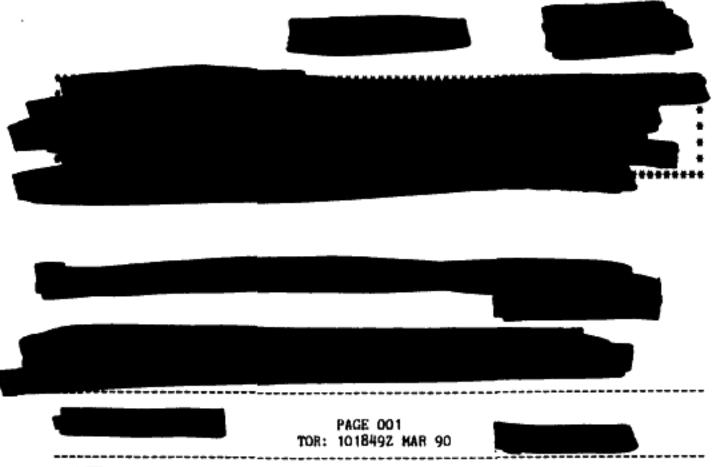


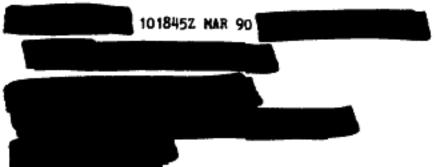
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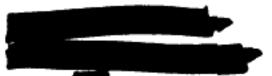
- 1. THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE MISSING NINTH WITNESS IN THE JESUIT KILLINGS, PRIVATE JORGE ALBERTO ((SIERRA)) ASENCIO, IS ABOUT TO SURFACE IN MEXICO CITY. SIERRA WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AND CLAIM THAT SALVADORAN ARMY LIEUTENANT JOSE RICARDO ((ESPINOZA)) WAS IN CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION TO KILL THE JESUITS WITH VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)) HERRERA. SIERRA WILL NAME ZEPEDA AS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR AND TACTICAL SUPERVISOR OF THE JESUIT MURDERERS. (BOTH SIERRA AND ESPINOZA ARE DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE. SIERRA DESERTED FROM THE ARMY AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1989, AND IS STILL MISSING.)
- 3. ALSO CLAIMED THAT U.S. CONGRESSMAN MOAKLEY
  IS AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION, AND MAY TRAVEL SOON TO MEXICO CITY
  TO INTERVIEW SIERRA.







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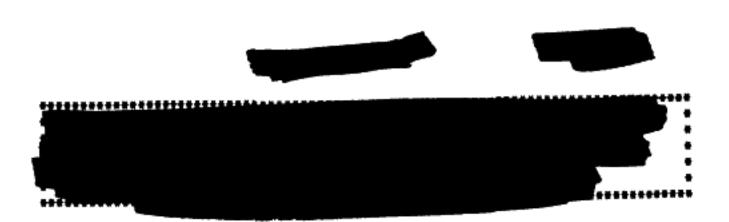


1. CITED A NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT'S STATEMENT THAT PRIVATE JORGE ALBERTO ((SIERRA)) ASENCIO, A DEFENDANT IN THE MOVEMBER 1989, WILL SURFACE IN MEXICO CITY AND NAME SALVADORAN VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)) HERRERA AS THE INTELLECTUAL AUTHOR AND TACTICAL SUPERVISOR OF THE MURDERS.

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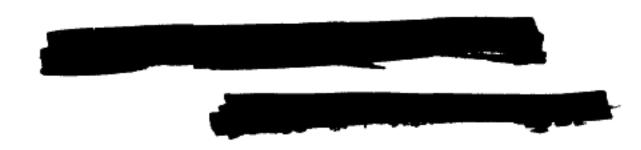
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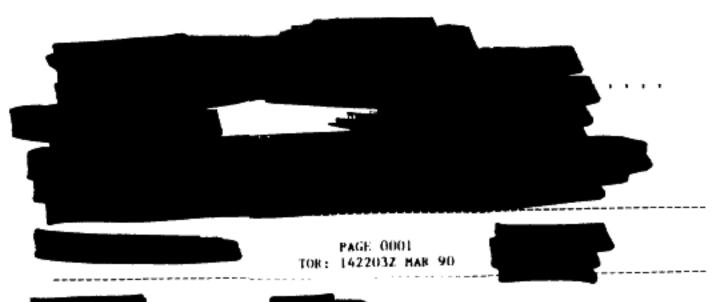




 SIERRA WILL ALLEGEDLY CLAIM THAT LIEUTENANT JOSE RICARDO ((ESPINOZA)), ALREADY IN CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDERS, WAS IN CONSTANT RADIO CONTACT WITH ZEPEDA THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION TO MURDER THE JESUITS.



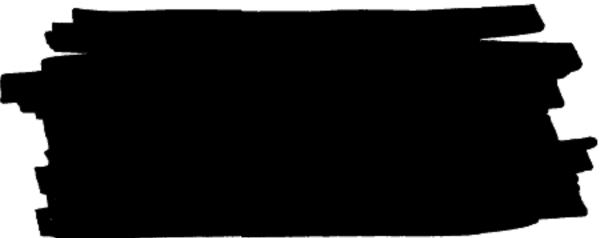




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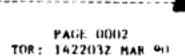
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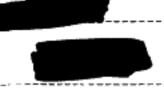


3. ON 22 JANUARY 1990, THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) SENT AN EIGHT-PAGE, OPEN LETTER SIGNED BY THE GENERAL COMMAND, TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN EL SALVADOR. THE LETTER WAS ON FMLN LETTERHEAD. IN THE LETTER, THE FMLN STRESSED THAT THE CHURCH AND THE FMLN PURSUED A COMMON GOAL, THAT IS, TO LOOK OUT FOR THE COMMON MAN AND TO FIGHT FOR PEACE. THE FMLN EMPHASIZED THAT THE CHURCHES HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM, AND TO THE SEARCH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE CIVIL WAR. THE GENERAL COMMAND POINTED OUT THAT IT HAS PRESENTED SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED WITH MORE REPRESSION, SUCH AS THE FENASTRAS BOMBING, WHICH FORCED THE FMLN TO LAUNCH THE NOVEMBER 1989 OFFENSIVE



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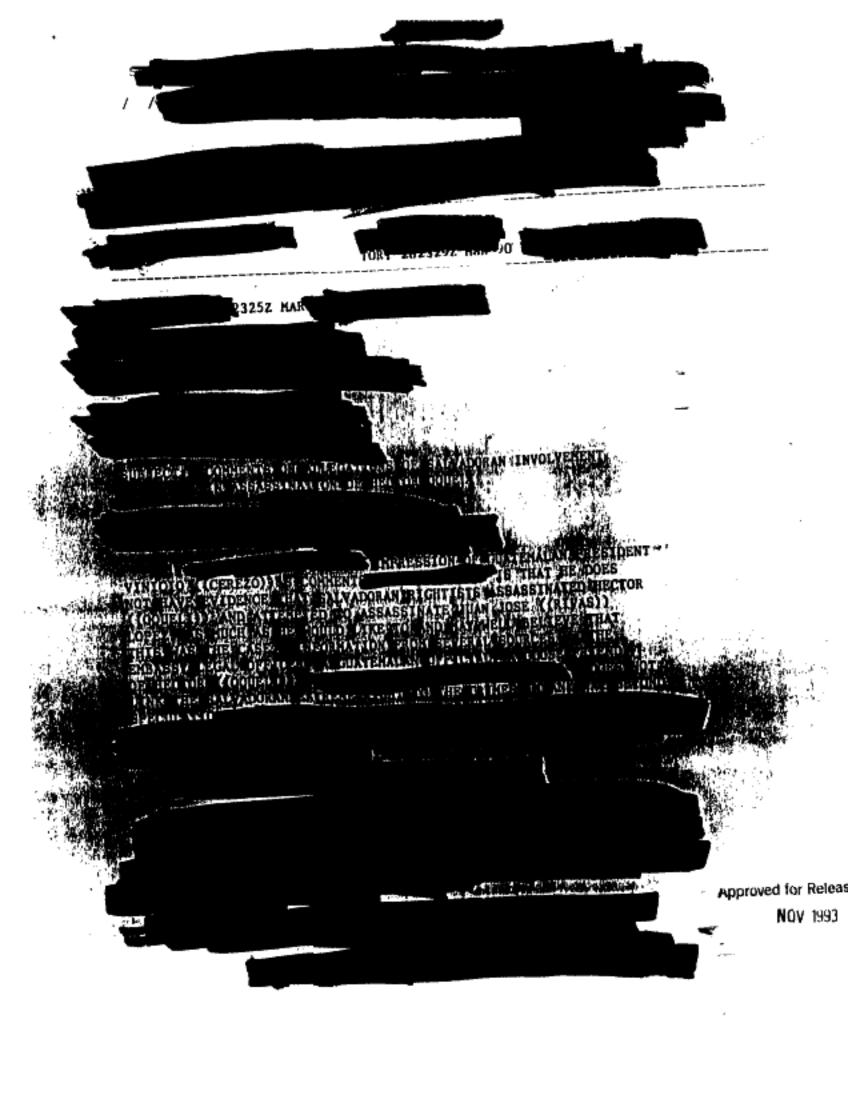




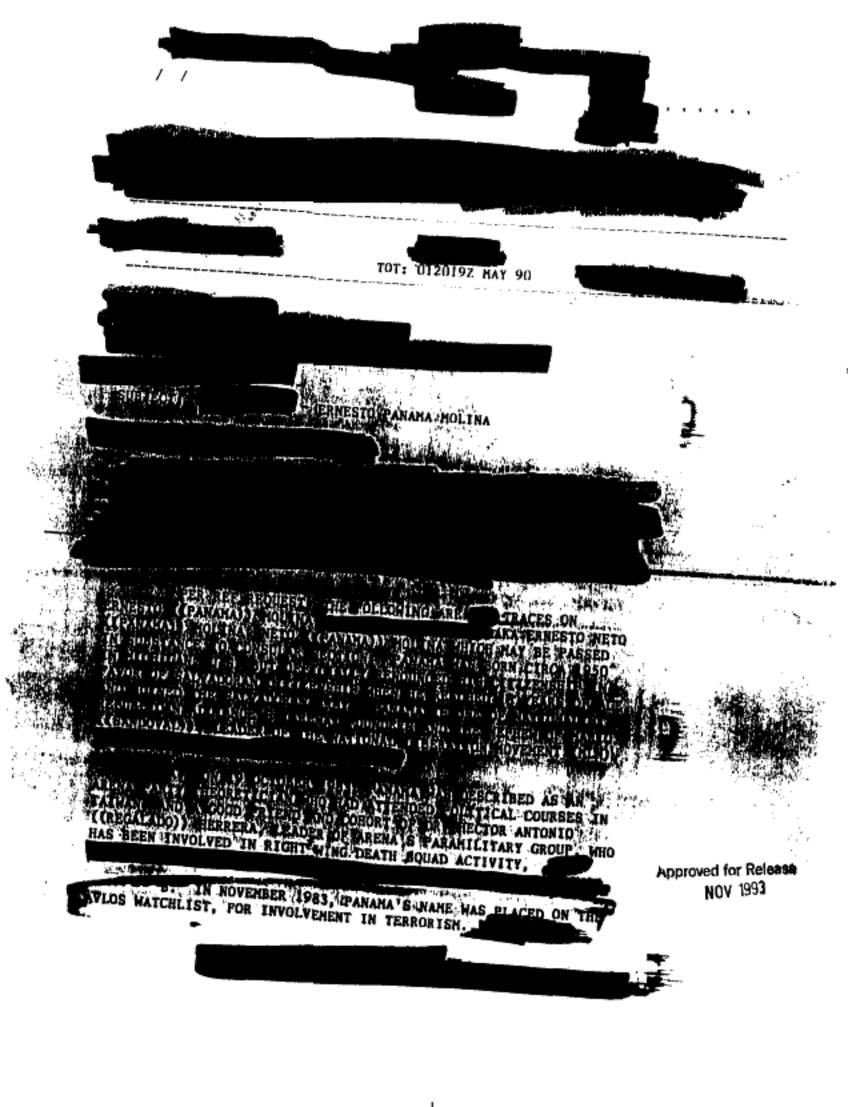
IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED. THE GOVERNMENT RESPONDED BY BOMBING CIVILIAN TARGETS AND KILLING HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE SIX JESUIT PRIESTS. THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ARE AN INVITATION TO WAR. THUS, THE FMLN MUST CONTINUE ITS MILITARY OFFENSIVE, ALTHOUGH IT WANTS TO END THE WAR TO AVOID GREATER SOCIAL, HUMAN, AND MATERIAL COST. GROUPS PURSUING THE SAME CAUSE MUST UNITE THEIR RESOURCES. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT CHURCHES HAVE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURE, THEY STILL WORK TO HELP THE POOR. THE FMLN GENERAL COMMAND ENCOURAGES THE CHURCHES TO CONTINUE TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO WORK TOWARD PEACE, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FMLN TO END THE WAR.

4. ON 5 FEBRUARY, IN A GENERAL NEWSLETTER TO PRIESTS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS IN EL SALVADOR, ARCHBISHOP OF EL SALVADOR ARTURO ((RIVERA Y DAMAS)) RESPONDED TO THE FILE MEMORANDUM DIRECTED AT THE CHURCH. IN REFERENCE TO THE DOCUMENT, THE ARCH-BISHOP SAID HE WANTED EVERYONE TO BE QUITE CLEAR ON WHAT HE, AS THE PASTOR OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, THOUGHT ON THE SUBJECT. HE WROTE THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS PROPAGANDA; THAT IT SOUGHT TO WIN SYMPATHY FOR THE FALM'S CAUSE IN THE WAKE OF THE KILLINGS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS; AND THAT THE METHOD THE FMLN USED WAS NOT CHRISTIAN. THE ARCHBISHOP ADDED THAT THE MARXIST-LENINIST IDEOLOGY OF THE FALN GENERAL COMMAND IS IN CRISIS WORLDWIDE. IT HAS NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN NICARAGUA, AND IN EASTERN EUROPE IT IS BEING COMPLETELY RESTRUCTURED. THE ARCHBISHOP SAID THE CHURCH BELIEVES THAT BUILDING INSTITUTIONS MORE HUMANE, MORE JUST, AND MORE RESPECTFUL OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN IS IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, HE SAID ONE MUST ALSO BE AWARE THAT EVEN THE BEST, MOST IDEAL SYSTEMS CAN QUICKLY BECOME INHUMANE. IF THE INHUMANE INCLINATIONS OF MAN ARE NOT CORRECTED.



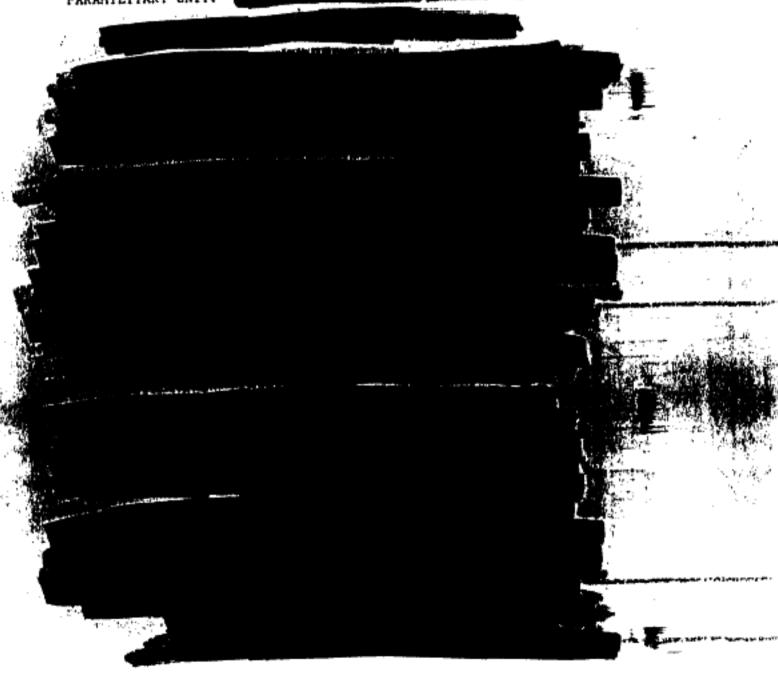


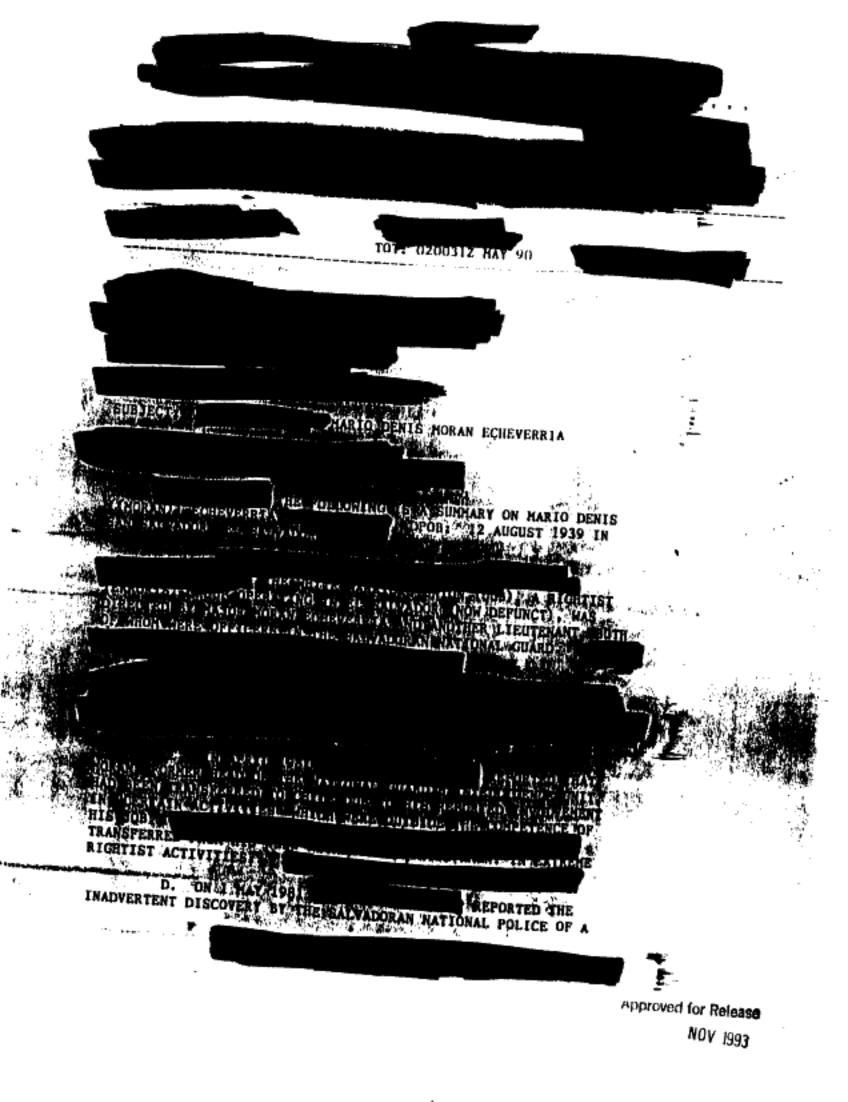
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C. IN JULY 1989, PANAMA REPORTEDLY HAD ACTED AS ARENA LIAISON TO THE MLN IN GUATEMALA FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND HAD RECENTLY RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR TO ESTABLISH A CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTE (NFI),

D. PANAMA WAS A MEMBER OF MEGALADOUS ARENA.





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SUSPECTED RIGHT WING TERRORIST GROUP WITH APPARENT LINKS TO RIGHTIST MILITARY OFFICERS. THE MILITARY OFFICERS IDENTIFIED INCLUDED MAJOR HORAN, WHO SUPPORTED THE ARMED FORCES CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LEFT.

NATIONAL GUARD'S INTELLIGENCE UNIT, DIRECTED A "DEATH SQUAD"
FUNDED BY SALVADORAN BUSINESSMAN RICARDO ((SOL)) MESA, A
LONGTIME LOYALIST OF ROBERTO ((D'AUBHISSON)), FOUNDER AND
HONORARY PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE
(ARENA). REPORTED SOL MESA AND MORAN USED THIS DEATH
SQUAD TO KILL RODOLFO ((VIERA)), FORMER HEAD OF THE SALVADORAN
AGRARIAN REFORM INSTITUTE (ISTA) AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN SAN
SALVADOR ON 4 JANUARY 1981. U.S. CITIZENS MIKE ((HAMMER)) AND
HARK ((PEARLHAN)) OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR
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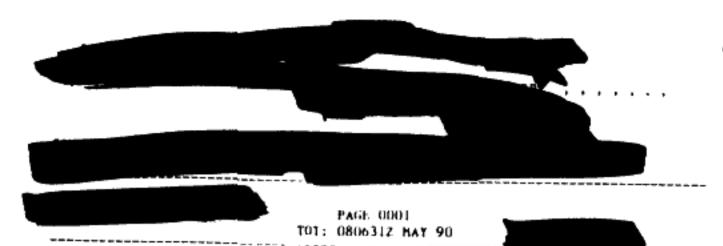
CONTAINED OF THE AND TO AGRICULTURE AND TO A CEPT A POSITION AT CITYA.

HARCH 1984, LT. CULONGE TIGRAN; COMMANDER OF CITYA IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LA PAZ HAD BEEN PRESSURING THE GENERAL POPULAGE TO VOTE FOR ARENA. HORAN HAD BEEN GIVING POLITICAL SPEECHES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF HIS COMMAND, UNGING THE CITIZENS TO VOIS "ANTI-COMMUNIST." THE ACTIVITIES OF HORAN VIOLATED THE "APPOLITICAL POSITION" OF THE ARMED FORCES,

K. REPORTED IN HAY 1984 THE INTENTIONS OF THE SALVADORAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)) TO REMOVE CERTAIN HILITARY OFFICERS MILLINGLUDED LT. COLONEL MORAN.

SECURITY RUILES FGALLO BEAUTION FOR THE STATE OF SET OF ASSASSINATIONS OF KEY SUBORDINATES TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT ASSASSINATIONS OF KEY LEADERS OF THE SALVADOR AN GLABOR ORGANIZATION METHE POPULAR DENOCRATIC UNION SUPPO. REGULARDO COUNTED UPON ANNUNITION RESUPPLY FROM THE TREASURY POLICE; AND ARMY AT RECOLONEL HOLD REGULARLY PROVIDED KILLTARY CREDENTIALS FOR USE BY REGALANT PERSONNEL.

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SUBJECT:

JESUIT CASE

NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON

TEXT FROM 7 MAY 1990 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: CRUCIAL EVIDENCE VANISHES IN CASE OF 6 SLAIN JESUITS. A SETBACK IN EL SALVADOR. FOUR SOLDIERS TIED TO INQUIRY ARE TRANSFERRED ABROAD - DISMAY GROWS IN U.S., BY LINDSEY GRUSON. SAN SALVADOR, MAY 6. SEVERAL VITAL PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT COULD HELP CONVICT A COLONEL CHARGED WITH THE SLAYING OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO WOMEN IN NOVEMBER HAVE DISAPPEARED, SALVADORAN SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAY.

COURT AUTHORITIES SAID AT LEAST FOUR SOLDIERS WITH POTENTIALLY INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE WERE SENT ABROAD TO STUDY AND WERE UNAVAILABLE TO TESTIFY. TWO OTHER MAJOR WITNESSES HAVE FAILED TO APPEAR AS REQUIRED, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

SENIOR JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAID THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE EVIDENCE AND THE FOUR SOLDIERS' TRANSFER ABROAD WERE A SEVERE AND POSSIBLY FATAL BLOW TO AN EXTREMELY WEAK CASE AGAINST THE COLONEL, GUILLERMO ALFREDO BENAVIDES MORENO.

COLONEL'S DIARY MISSING

THE LOSS OF EVIDENCE ALSO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT OTHER SENIOR COMMANDERS WERE INVOLVED IN OR TRIED TO COVER UP THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS, THEIR COOK AND HER DAUGHTER, SAID THE OFFICIALS, WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED.

ONE PIECE OF MISSING EVIDENCE IS COL. BENAVIDES DIARY.



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WHICH JUDICIAL OFFICIALS HOPED WOULD BE USEFUL IN THE CASE AGAINST HIM. LIKE ALMOST ALL SENIOR SALVADORAN COMMANDERS, COL. BENAVIDES ALWAYS CARRIED A MOTEBOOK IN WHICH HE KEPT NOTES OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND OF THE MEETINGS HE ATTENDED. BUT THE DIARY HAS DISAPPEARED, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

THEY SAID THEY REQUESTED THE LOG OF A MILITARY SCHOOL FROM THE TRIBUNAL THAT INVESTIGATED THE SLAYING. BUT THE SUPREME COURT SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT THE TRIBUNAL REPLIED THAT THE LOG, IN WHICH THE NAME OF ANYONE ENTERING OR LEAVING THE CAMPUS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECORDED, HAD ALSO BEEN LOST. COL. BENAVIDES WAS THE HEAD OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND IN CHARGE OF THE ZONE WHERE THE KILLINGS TOOK PLACE.

## FOUR SOLDIERS SENT ABROAD

THE FOUR SOLDIERS ON GUARD DUTY AT THE SCHOOL ON THE NIGHT OF THE SLAYINGS HAVE BEEN SENT ABROAD TO STUDY. THAT HAS MADE IT ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND OUT WHO WAS AT THE CAMPUS THAT NIGHT, A SETBACK TO EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER OTHER COMMANDERS BESIDES COL. BENAVIDES WERE INVOLVED IN THE KILLINGS.

THE JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAID THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE EVIDENCE IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF OBSTACLES PLACED IN THE WAY OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. THEY SAID THE AUTHORITIES HAD PROVIDED ALMOST NO COOPERATION AND AT TIMES APPEARED TO BE DELIBERATELY OBSTRUCTIVE.

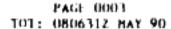
THE DISCLOSURE THAT EVIDENCE IS MISSING COMES AS IMPATIENCE WITH THE SLOW PACE OF THE INVESTIGATION IS BUILDING IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. IT IS LIKELY TO SPUR EFFORTS TO CUT UNITED STATES MILITARY AID TO EL SALVADOR, WHICH AMOUNTS TO \$85 MILLION THIS YEAR, ALMOST A THIRD OF THE COUNTRY'S DEFENSE BUDGET.

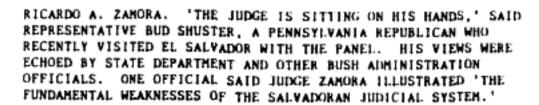
THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, WHO UNTIL NOW HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE CASE IN ANY DETAIL, DISCLOSED THE LOSS OF THE EVIDENCE AND THE SOLDIERS' TRANSFER TO AN EFFORT TO COUNTERACT CRITICISM HERE AND ABROAD THAT THEY HAVE BEEN INSUFFICIENTLY AGGRESSIVE IN THEIR INQUIRY.

# DEMOCRATS CRITICIZE JUDGE

IN THE LATEST CRITICISM, A PANEL OF HOUSE DEMOCRATS THAT HAS BEEN MONITORING THE INVESTIGATION LAST WEEK PLACED HOST OF THE BLAME FOR ITS SLOWNESS ON THE JUDGE IN CHARGE,







BUT THE JUDGE, WHO HAS HANDLED SOME OF THE MOST SENSITIVE CASES IN EL SALVADOR IN RECENT YEARS, REJECTED THE CONTENTION THAT HE HAS BEEN LESS THAN VIGOROUS IN THE INVESTIGATION. HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE CASE IN DETAIL. BUT JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SAID THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN SLOWED BY THE AUTHORITIES' LACK OF COOPERATION AND BY THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE CASE. THE OFFICIALS SAID JUDGE ZAMORA WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN THOSE WHO WANTED HIM TO HURRY SO THAT HE MADE A HAJOR MISTAKE AND THOSE WHO WANTED HIM TO SLOW DOWN SO THAT THE CASE COULD BE FORGOTTEN.

"I'M WALKING THE RAZOR'S EDGE," JUDGE ZAMORA SAID IN HIS ONLY ON-THE-RECORD COMMENTS ON THE INVESTIGATION.

#### U.S. AID COULD BE AT STAKE

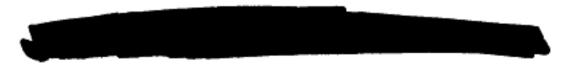
THE CASE IS CONSIDERED THE MOST DELICATE IN SALVADORAN JUDICIAL HISTORY AND A VITAL TEST OF UNITED STATES-BACKED EFFORTS TO FORTIFY DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND PUT THE ARMED FORCES UNDER CIVILIAN CONTROL AND FORCE THEM TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS. THE MILITARY HAS LONG HAD A DE FACTO VETO OVER ALMOST ALL MAJOR GOVERNMENT DECISIONS.

AT STAKE, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY, MAY BE THE FUTURE OF UNITED STATES AID, WHICH SUSTAINS THE ALL-BUT-BANKRUPT SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN HALF THE BUDGET. PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI SAID LAST WEEK THAT EVEN

### WHERE'S THE COLONEL'S DIARY? AND WHY WERE 4 MEN TRANSFERRED?

A SMALL CUT IN MILITARY AID WOULD HAVE A BROAD EFFECT THROUGH THE COUNTRY. HE SAID IT WOULD HEIGHTEN THE INTRANSIGENCE OF LEFTIST REBELS AT THE COMING PEACE TALKS AND FORCE A REDUCTION IN EL SALVADOR'S ALREADY STRAINED SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE SLAIN PRIESTS, THEIR COOK AND HER DAUGHTER WERE KILLED WITH HIGH-POWERED RIFLES BEFORE DAWN ON NOV. 16 AT THE JESUIT-RUN CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CAPITAL. AT FIRST, MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ARMY



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COMMANDERS TRIED TO BLAME THE REBELS, WHO HAD BEGUN A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN THE CAPITAL THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

COLONEL BENAVIDES AND SEVEN LOWER-RANKING OFFICIALS WERE CHARGED WITH THE SLAYINGS IN JANUARY. BUT THERE IS STRONG DOUBT WHETHER THE COLONEL CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED. THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS LARGELY LIMITED TO STATEMENTS BY SUBORDINATES THAT HE ORDERED THE KILLINGS. BUT CO-DEFENDANTS HERE ARE PROHIBITED FROM TESTIFYING AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER CHARGES CAN BE DROPPED AGAINST OTHER DEFENDANTS IN RETURN FOR THEIR TESTIMONY.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE CLOSELY MONITORED THE CASE SAID NO CONVINCING EVIDENCE HAD BEEN UNCOVERED TO IMPLICATE OTHER OFFICERS BESIDES COLONEL BENAVIDES, THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICER EVER CHARGED IN A HUMAN RIGHTS CASE HERE. THE DIPLOMATS SAID THE ARMY INVESTIGATION, ESPECIALLY THE FORENSIC WORK, WAS EXTREMELY WELL DONE-BUT ONLY AS FAR AS IT WENT.

TWO MEETINGS NOT INVESTIGATED

THE DIPLOMATS SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO SERIOUS INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF AN ATTEMPTED COVER-UP BY THE ARMY, WHICH IS RUN BY A TIGHTLY KNIT GROUP OF OFFICERS. THEY ALSO CRITICIZED THE FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE WHAT HAPPENED AT TWO MEETINGS--ONE HELD BY SENIOR COMMANDERS HOURS BEFORE THE KILLINGS, THE OTHER SEVERAL HOURS AFTERWARD.

THE FIRST MEETING IS VITAL IN DETERMINING WHETHER COLONEL BENAVIDES ACTED UNDER ORDERS, AS HE HAS SOMETIMES SAID TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, OR WHETHER HE WENT BEYOND INSTRUCTIONS TO REDOUBLE ATTACKS ON REBEL STRONGHOLDS AND COMMANDERS, AS CONTENDED BY THE HIGH COMMAND. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES, WHO HAVE YET TO QUESTION MANY PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING, HAD HOPED THAT COLONEL BENAVIDES'S MISSING DIARY WOULD CLEAR UP THE DISPUTE.

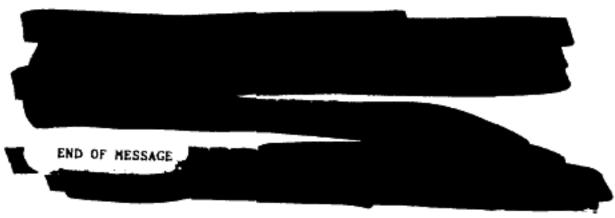
SINCE THE SLAYINGS, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT SENIOR COMMANDERS AT THE MEETING WERE CLOSE TO PANICKING. SOME DIPLOMATS SAID THAT AND A DECISION TO TAKE THE WAR TO THE GUERRILLAS MAY HAVE CREATED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS WOULD BE TOLERATED, EVEN IF NOT DIRECTLY ORDERED. OTHER DIPLOMATS AND SALVADORAN OFFICIALS SAY THEY BELIEVE THE SLAYING OF THE JESUITS, WHOM THE EXTREME RIGHT CONSIDERED REBEL SYMPATHIZERS WAS DIRECTLY ORDERED.

IN THE SECOND MEETING, A ROUTINE REUNION OF

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, PARTICIPANTS REPORTEDLY CHEERED WHEN A JUNIOR OFFICER INTERRUPTED WITH NEWS OF THE SLAYINGS. DIPLOMATS SAY IT IS ALMOST UNIMAGINABLE THAT THE HIGH COMMAND DID NOT KNOW OF THE ARMY'S INVOLVEMENT WITHIN HOURS OF THE SLAYINGS. AN INVESTIGATION OF THE MEETING IN THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE COULD HELP SHOW WHO KNEW WHAT AND WHEN THEY KNEW IT. AND THAT, THE DIPLOMATS SAY, COULD SHOW IF THERE WAS AN ATTEMPTED COVER-UP. END OF QUOTE.

FOLLOWING IS CAPTION OF PHOTO: "WITH IMPORTANT WITNESSES UNAVAILABLE AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF VITAL EVIDENCE, HOPE IS FADING FOR THE CONVICTION OF A SALVADORAN ARMY COLONEL IN THE KILLING LAST YEAR OF SIX PRIESTS AND TWO WOMEN. AS A RESULT, HOMENTUM IS BUILDING IN CONGRESS TO CUT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRY. YESTERDAY WAS THE DAY OF THE SALVADORAN SOLDIER, AND AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION, RECRUITS WERE INDUCTED IN THE ARMY."





SUBJECT: TRACE REPLY - FRANCISCO ANTONIO MORAN

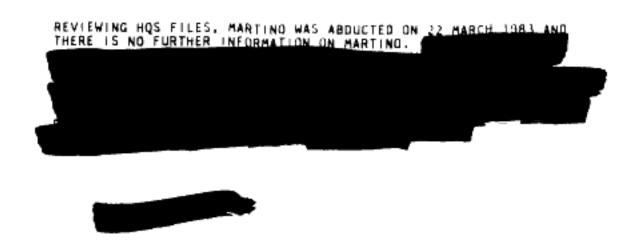


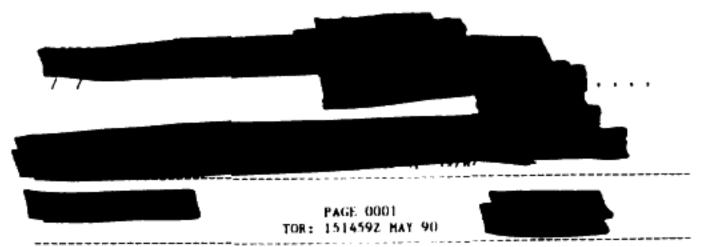
A. IN DECEMBER 1982, COLONEL MORAN WAS DIRECTOR OF TREASURY POLICE, EL SALVADOR.

B. IN AUGUST 1983. COMMANDER IST BDE, COLONEL ADOLFO
O ((BLANDON)) HAD LEARNED THAT COLONEL MORAN.
CHIEF OF TREASURY POLICE AND DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMISSION OF THE LEMPA RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (CEL) WAS
PLOTTING AGAINST BLANDON'S LIFE AND AGAINST COLONEL JUAN RAFAEL
((BUSTILLO)), SALVADORAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER. MORAN WAS A
CLOSE FRIEND OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER, GENERAL GARCIA AND
APPARENTLY RESENTED BLANDON'S WELL-KNOWN ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT
GARCIA'S REPLACEMENT,

ORDERED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)) THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ABOUCTING PATRICIA ((MARTINO)) (DPOB CA 1963 IN SAN SALVADOR), PERSONAL SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARAMILITARY UNIT WHICH WAS HEADED BY DOCTOR ANTONIO HECTOR ((REGALADO)) CUELLAR. REGALADO BELIEVED GARCIA'S ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY ARENA LINKS WITH OFFICERS IN THE ARMED FORCES WHO FAVORED GARCIA'S REMOVAL AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE. REGALADO BELIEVED THAT GARCIA INTENDED TO HAVE MARTINO INTERROGATED. IF THIS OCCURRED, HE WAS AFRAID THAT MARTINO WOULD REVEAL ARENA COMPLICIY IN VARIOUS ASSASSINATIONS TO WHICH SHE WAS PRIVY.

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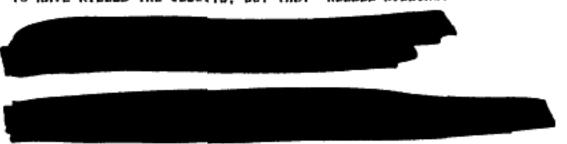


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SUBJECT: AIR FORCE CHIEF COMMENT ABOUT THE MURDER OF THE JEBUT FRIESTS IN EL SALVADOR

1. DURING THE APRIL 1990 FIDAE AIR SHOW IN CHILE, GENERAL (FNU) ((VIAMARIOSO)), CHIEF OF THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE, PRIVATELY TOLD A VISITING AMERICAN

THAT IT WAS "STUPID" FOR THE SALVADORAN MILITARY TO HAVE KILLED THE JESUITS, BUT THEY "NEEDED KILLING."



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SUBJ: JOINT GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS' EVALUATION OF PUBLIC

COMMENTS BY FORMER COLONEL SIGIFREDO OCHOA PEREZ ON

THE MURDER OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS

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2. IN LATE APRIL 1990 SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE JOINT GENERAL



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((OCHOA)) PEREZ, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE HYDROELECTRIC COMMISSION OF THE LEMPA RIVER (CEL), IN WHICH OCHOA STATED THAT SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES MUST HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF JESUIT PRIESTS IN SAN SALVADOR IN NOVEMBER 1989. THE OFFICERS CONCLUDED THAT OCHOA SHOULD BE FIRED FROM THE CEL FOR SLANDERING THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT (GOES) AND THE ARMED FORCES (ESAF). AT THE SAME TIME, THEY RECOGNIZED THAT FIRING OCHOA WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO LABOR DIFFICULTIES AT CEL, AND POSSIBLY WITHIN LABOR AS A WHOLE.

- THE OFFICERS AGREED THAT OCHOA'S COMMENTS REPRESENT A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE GOES AND THE ESAF FOR SEVERAL REASONS: FIRST, OCHOA IS ONE OF THE THREE MOST WIDELY KNOWN AND RESPECTED MILITARY FIGURES IN EL SALVADOR, ALONG WITH FORMER MAJOR ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) AND DECEASED LIEUTENANT COLONEL DOMINGO ((MONTERROSA)); SECOND, OCHOA HAS A REPUTATION AS AN ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT FIGURE WILLING TO CONFRONT DIFFICULT ISSUES; THIRD, HE OCCUPIES AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT POSITION, AND IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTREME RIGHT WING OF THE GOVERNING NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY. THEREFORE, THE EMCFA OFFICERS AGREED THAT OCHOA IS SEEN AS A CREDIBLE, HIGH LEVEL SOURCE BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. THE FACT THAT OCHOA IS A DISCREDITED FIGURE WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE IRRATIONAL BY SENIOR MILITARY AND POLITICAL CIRCLES IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN: HIS REMARKS THEREFORE HAVE A CREDIBILITY UNMATCHED BY THOSE OF OTHER OFFICIALS. THE OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT WHILE FIRING OCHOA MIGHT ENHANCE HIS CREDIBILITY, IGNORING THE ISSUE WILL ENHANCE IT EVEN MORE.
- 4. THE EMCFA OFFICERS ALSO AGREED THAT WHILE OCHOA SHOULD GO, THIS WOULD PROBABLY LEAD TO LABOR PROBLEMS; EVEN IF HE DID NOT ENCOURAGE LABOR UNREST IN CEL, EXISTING TENSIONS THERE WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE GOES. THEREFORE, THE OFFICERS AGREED THAT THE GOES, AND NOT THE ESAF, SHOULD MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON OCHOA'S FATE.
- APRIL PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) MET WITH CALDERON, OCHOA, AND D'AUBUISSON TO DISCUSS OCHOA'S REMARKS. CALDERON OPENED THE DISCUSSION WITH HARSH CRITICISM OF OCHOA, ACCUSING OCHOA OF CREATING A DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR CRISTIANI AND ARENA. CALDERON POINTED OUT THAT OCHOA'S COMMENTS WOULD WORSEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ESAF AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND RAISED SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST THE MOST SENIOR ESAF OFFICERS.
  - 7. CRISTIANI THEN SAID HE REALIZED OCHOA'S

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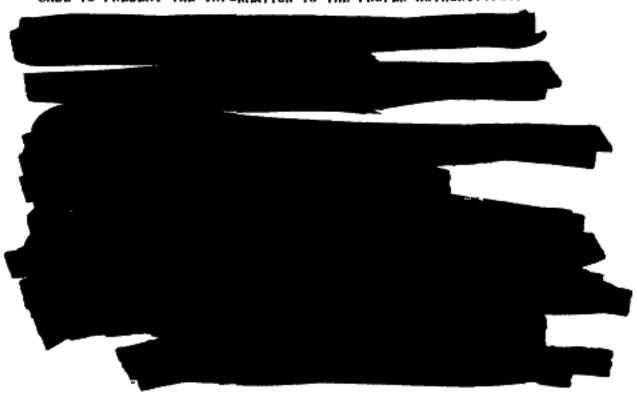
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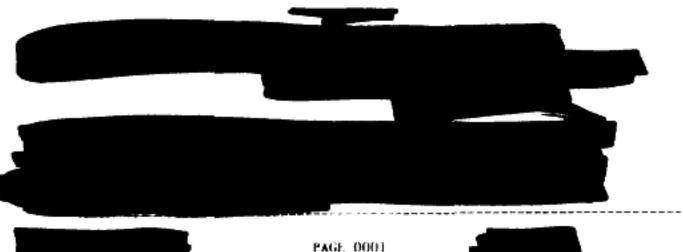
IMPRESSION THAT OCHOA WAS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THE STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE ESAF. OCHOA THEN OFFERED TO RESIGN FROM THE CEL,

CRISTIANI SAID IMMEDIATELY THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT OCHOA'S RESIGNATION.

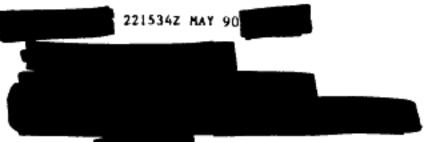
- ADVISING HIM THAT POLITICALLY, ACCEPTING OCHOA'S RESIGNATION WOULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MILITARY HAD FORCED CRISTIANI TO FIRE OCHOA.

  IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CIRCLES THE IMPRESSION IS THAT THE MILITARY ACTUALLY RUNS THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT, AND ACCEPTING OCHOA'S RESIGNATION WOULD ONLY CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION.
- OPTIONS: FIRST, ACCEPT OCHOA'S RESIGNATION AND THE LIKELY POLITICAL FALLOUT; SECOND, LEAVE OCHOA AS CEL PRESIDENT; AND THIRD, WAIT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME AND THEN REPLACE OCHOA. CRISTIANI CHOSE THIS THIRD OPTION, SAYING HE WOULD ACCEPT OCHOA'S RESIGNATION ONLY AFTER AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS HAD PASSED. ACCORDING TO CALDERON, D'AUBUISSON DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE CONVERSATION.
- OMMENT: THE ESAF HAS PUBLICLY DENOUNCED OCHOA'S COMMENTS ON THE JESUIT CASE, AND BOTH THE ESAF AND PRESIDENT CRISTIANI CALLED ON OCHOA OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH INFORMATION ON THE CASE TO PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.)





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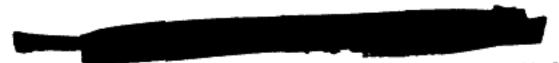
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- 2. DUE TO THE HICH INTEREST IN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE JESUIT MURDER CASE, BELIEVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE DISSEMED IN INTEL FORMAT.
- 3. INFORMATION APPEARS TO BE WELLSOURCED AND HAS A RING OF TRUTH. LT. COLONEL CARLOS CAMILO
  ((HERNANDEZ)) WAS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL
  AT THE TIME OF THE JESUIT MURDERS AND HAS NOT BEEN NAMED IN ANY
  WAY IN THE CASE, AT LEAST UP UNTIL NOW.

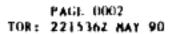
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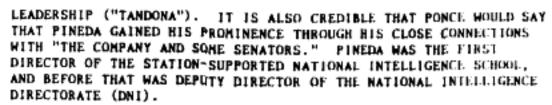
TRANSFERRED TO BE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE BELLOSO BATTALION
IN EARLY MARCH 1990. HE IS A FAVORITE OF CHIEF OF STAFF RENE
EMILIO ((PONCE)) AND, IN A MUCH TALKED ABOUT RECENT SHUFFLING
OF CLASS RANKINGS, JUMPED CONSIDERABLY TO BECOME NUMBER ONE IN
HIS CLASS.

4. COLONEL JOSE MARIO ((GODINEZ)) CASTILLO'S REMARKS THAT COLONEL ROBERTO ((PINEDA)) GUERRA KNOWS OF PONCE'S PROTECTION OF HERNANDEZ IS POSSIBLE. IN FACT, COLONEL PINEDA WAS GIVEN A BRIGADE COMMAND (CHALATENANGO) AND IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT PINEDA IS VERY AMBITIOUS AND OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF THE CURRENT ESAF



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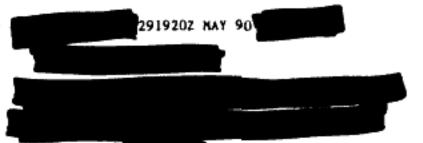




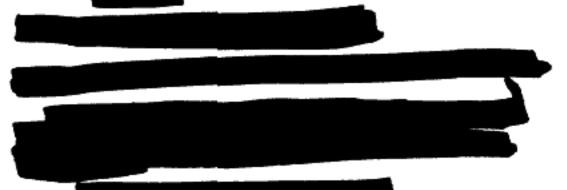




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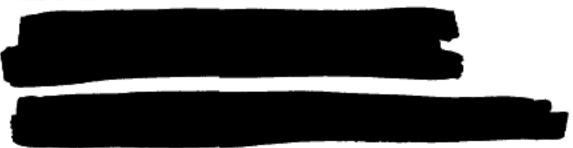
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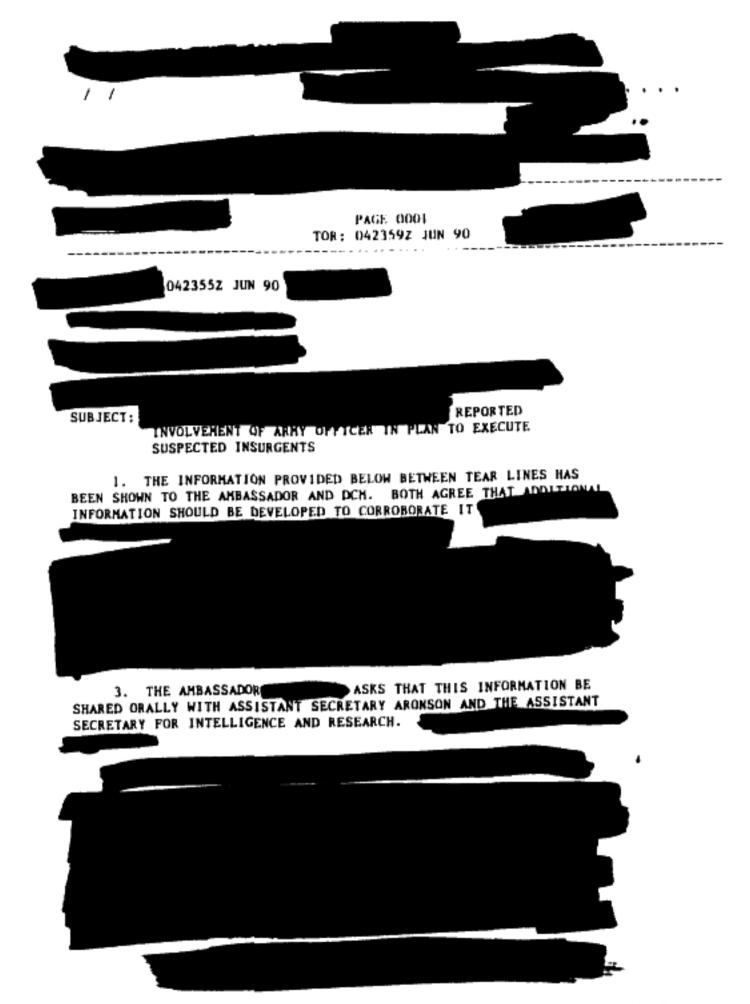


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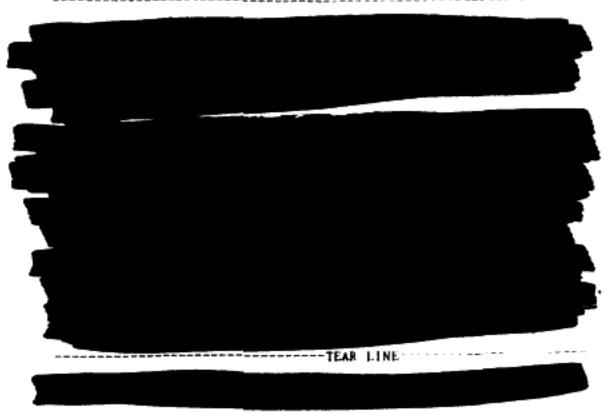
29 MAY 90 EDITION OF THE "HIAMI HERALD," SOURCING THE PAPER'S WIRE SERVICES. IT REPORTS THAT POSSIBLE KEY EVIDENCE IN THE SLAYING OF THE JESUITS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, ACCORDING TO THE COURT. ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS, LI. YUSSHY RENE ((MENDOZA)), REMOVED LOGS RECORDING MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE HILITARY ACADEMY THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS AND ALLEGEDLY BURNED THEM LAST DECEMBER. THE COURT SAID THAT THE ACADEMY'S THEN-DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MAJ. (SIC) CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ))

ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LOGS WHICH COULD SHOW WHO WAS IN THE ACADEMY THE NIGHT OF THE KILLINGS.





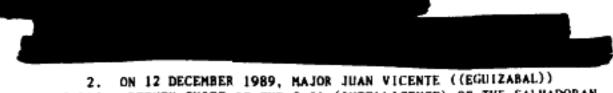
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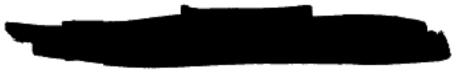
COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: ARMY OFFICER'S PLAN TO ARREST AND EXECUTE INSURGENTS

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- 2. ON 12 DECEMBER 1989, MAJOR JUAN VICENTE ((EGUIZABAL))
  FIGUEROA, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE C-II (INTELLIGENCE) OF THE SALVADORAN
  GENERAL STAFF, ORDERED THAT A LIST OF FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL
  LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) INSURGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS BE PREPARED.
  THE LIST WAS TO BE PREPARED BY RESEARCHING INACTIVE ARCHIVES OF
  KNOWN COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS AS WELL AS BY UTILIZING CURRENT
  INFORMATION. EGUIZABAL'S INTENTION WAS TO USE THE LIST AS THE
  BASIS FOR A CLANDESTINE CAMPAIGN TO PHYSICALLY ELIMINATE THE
  LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT APPARATUS OF THE FMLN.
- 3. ALTHOUGH THE LIST WAS PREPARED, EGUIZABAL DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HIS PLAN BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE



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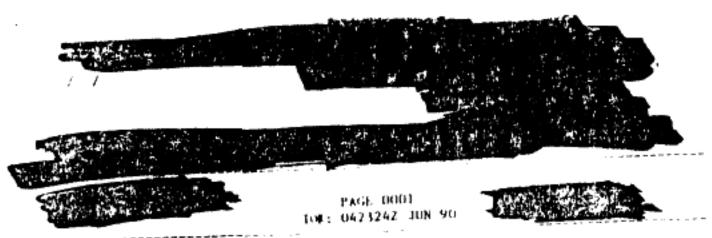
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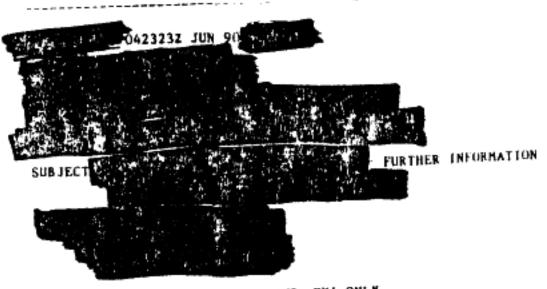
NOVEMBER 1989 KILLING OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS.

5. IN APRIL 1990 THEN LT. COLONEL EGUIZABAL APPROACHED A MEMBER OF THE C-II AND SAID HE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO IDENTIFY 200 FMLN INSURGENTS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHO WERE TO BE DETAINED. THOSE DETAINED WOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES FOR INVESTIGATION, AS REQUIRED BY SALVADORAN LAW, BUT WOULD BE INTERROGATED IN CLAMBESTINE JAILS, THEN EXECUTED. COMMENT: IN THE EARLY 1980'S EGUIZABAL PARTICIPATED IN THE CLANDESTINE ARREST AND EXECUTION OF SUSPECTED FALM INSURGENTS.)



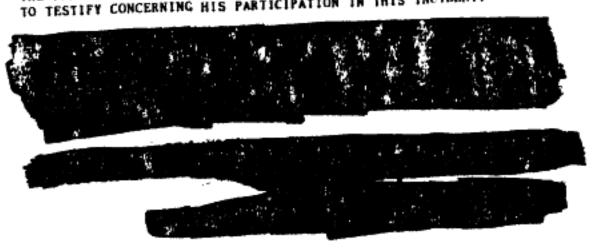
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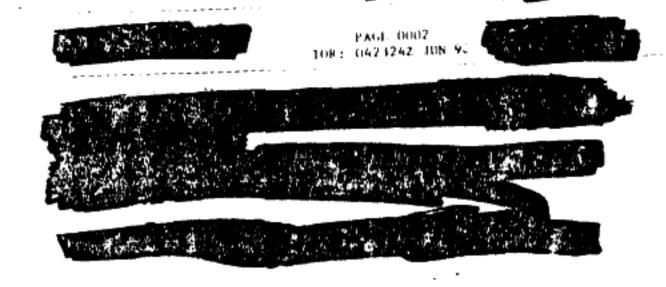




ACTION REQUESTED: NONE, FYI ONLY.

2. ON 29 MAY 1990 NEMSPAPER "DIARIO DE HOY" CARRIED A STORY ON THE JESUIT MURDER CASE WHICH MENTIONS MAJOR CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) AS POSSIBLY IMPLICATED IN THE CASE. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU) DETERMINED THAT MAJOR HERNANDEZ HAD CONTROL OF THE MISSING LOG BOOKS FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND, SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD 1-16 DECEMBER 1989, RELINQUISHED THE LOG BOOKS TO LT. YUSSHY RENE ((MENDOZA)). ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, LT. MENDOZA ALLEGEDLY TOOK THE LOG BOOKS AND HAD THEM INCINERATED. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT JUDGE BICARDO ((ZAMORA)), WHO REMAINS THE PRESIDING JUDGE ON THIS CASE, INTENDS TO CALL MAJOR HERNANDEZ TO TESTIFY CONCERNING HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS INCIDENT.





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SUBJECT: 16 MAY 1990 MEETING

DISCUSS, MAING OTHER TOPICS, THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS.

BEGAN BY DISCUSSING THE IMPACT THE CASE HAS HAD UN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.G. AND THE GOES, AND THE IMPACT IT MAY HAVE ON U.S. AID TO EL SALVADOR.

AMONG MOST OF THE OFFICER CORPS IS THAT AID WILL BE CUT TO SOME DEGREE REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE CASE, GIVEN THE EVENTS IN NICARAGUA AND EASTERN EUROPE.

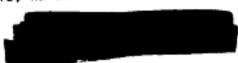
GENERAL STAFF THE NIGHT BEFORE THE JESUITS WERE KILLED. HE SAID THE MEMBERS OF THE HIGH COMMAND WERE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THE DUTCOME OF THE OFFENSIVE, WHILE THOSE COMMANDERS WHO WERE DOING THE FIGHTING BELIEVED THEY WOULD WIN. SAID THAT AT THAT MEETING THE DECISION WAS MADE TO COUNTERATTACK INTO THE AREAS HELD BY THE INSURGENTS, AS THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DRIVE AREAS HELD BY THE INSURGENTS, AS THAT AT NO POINT, WHILE HE CASUALTIES. HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT AT NO POINT, WHILE HE WAS PRESENT, DID ANYONE SUGGEST KILLING THE JESUITS, OR TAKING ANY STEPS BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF LEGALITY. THE SUBJECT OF A TRUCE CAME UP, AND ALL PRESENT AGREED THAT THE INSURGENTS HAD STARTED THE OFFENSIVE AND THE ARMED FORCES WOULD FIGHT UNTIL IT WAS OVER, AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT A TRUCE. SALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK HIS INFANTRY UNIT COULD TAKE ITS OBJECTIVE WITHOUT SUPPORT, SO HE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED ARMORED UNITS TO SUPPORT HIM.

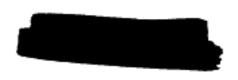
DIONISIO ((MACHUCA)) LED THE MEETING IN PRAYER, AND ASKED FOR GOD'S PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIANS CAUGHT UP IN THE FIGHTING. SAID THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS COMMAND POST TO BRIEF HIS OFFICERS ON THEIR MISSIONS, HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO AVOID UNNECESSARY

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

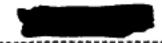
ARMED FORCES TACTICAL RADIO NET THAT THE JESUITS HAD BEEN KILLED.
HE BELIEVED AT FIRST THAT THE FMLN HAD COMMITTED THE KILLINGS,
BECAUSE THE DEATHS WOULD NOT AID THE GOES IN ANY WAY. IN ADDITION,
HE SAID THAT WHEN THE NEWS OF THE KILLINGS WAS BROADCAST LATER
OVER THE COMMERCIAL RADIO, HE WAS TOLD BY HIS OFFICERS IN THE FRONT

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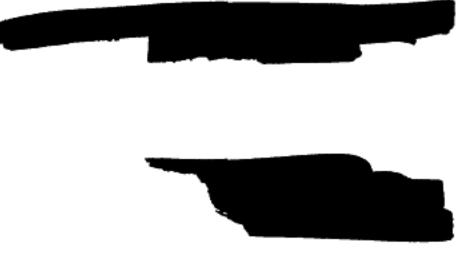


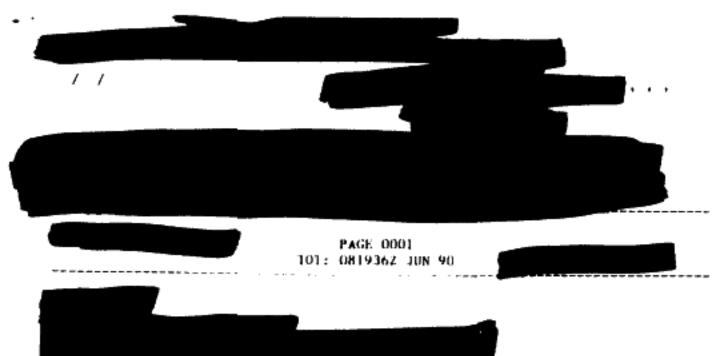
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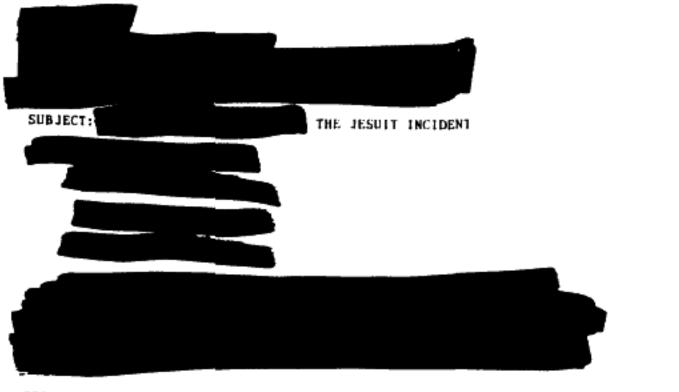


LINES THAT THE INSURGENTS OPPOSITE THEM BEGAN CHEERING AND CLAPPING, WHICH REINFORCED HIS BELIEF THAT THE FMLN WAS RESPONSIBLE.

- SAID THE FEELING AMONG THE OFFICERS HE HAS SPOKEN WITH IS THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE JESUIT KILLINGS SHOULD CONTINUE AND THOSE FOUND GUILTY SHOULD BE PUNISHED. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE SALVADORAN LEGAL SYSTEM IS SLOW AND CUMBERSOME, AND TO TRY TO RUSH THE PROCESS MAY LEAD TO ERRORS, SUCH AS AN INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED. HE SAID THE U.S.G. SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS AND NOT TRY TO PRESSURE THE GOES INTO REACHING A HURRIED, AND POSSIBLY FLAWED, CONCLUSION. HE SAID HIS PERSONAL OPINION, BASED ON HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)), IS THAT PONCE DID NOT RPT HOT ORDER THE KILLINGS. HE IS LESS CERTAIN ABOUT COLONEL JUAN ORLANDO ((ZEPEDA)).
- 7. ON A SEPARATE TOPIC, SAID HE LEARNED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE "TANDONA" HELD A PARTY AT A HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR TO CELEBRATE THE SALVADORAN "DAY OF THE SOLDIER," AND THE PARTY EVENTUALLY MOVED TO PONCE'S HOUSE. DURING THE PARTY, MEMBERS OF THE TANDONA SAID THAT PONCE MUST BECOME MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MOD) IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TAMBONA. THE FINDS THIS DISTRESSING, SINCE HE HAD HOPED PONCE'S PROMOTION TO MOD WOULD ALLOW PONCE TO REMOVE FROM COMMAND POSITIONS THOSE MEMBERS OF THE TANDONA WHO ARE CORRUPT, INCOMPETENT, OR BOTH. HE IS CONCERNED THAT THIS MEETING, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS HELD AT PONCE'S HOUSE, INDICATES THAT PONCE WILL NOT "CLEAN HOUSE," WHICH COULD LEAD TO DISCONTENT AMONG LOWER RANKING OFFICERS. SAID REMOVING TANDONA MEMBERS WILL IMPROVE THE IMAGE AND CAPABILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES INSTITUTION, AS WELL AS OPEN UP PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER OFFICERS, SO TANDONA MEMBERS FACING REMOVAL SHOULD NOT COUNT ON THE SUPPORT OF JUNIOR OFFICERS.
- 8. RETURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF CUTS IN AID. SAID MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE THAT IF AID IS CUT THE US MILITARY ADVISORS SHOULD BE REMOVED, SINCE THEIR EXPENSES ARE DEDUCTED FROM THE AID MONEY.
- 9. ALSO COMMENTED ON THE SERIES OF MEETINGS PONCE AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL GUILLERMO ((RUBIO)) HAVE HAD WITH JUNIOR OFFICERS. SAID THE MEETING ON MONDAY, 14 MAY WAS DISTURBING TO PONCE AND RUBIO BECAUSE THE OFFICES DID NOT SEEM INTERESTED IN PONCE'S TALK, AND ASKED VERY FEW QUESTIONS. ON TUESDAY 15 MAY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL HUMBERTO ((LARIOS)) SPOKE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF, AND THOSE PRESENT THOUGHT HIS REMARKS SOUNDED LIKE A FAREWELL SPEECH. TOOK THIS, COUPLED WITH THE TANDONA PARTY AT PONCE'S HOUSE, TO MEAN THAT LARIOS WOULD SOON BE REPLACED BY PONCE.







COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS THAT SALVADORAN CHIEF OF JOINT GENERAL STAFF PROTECTED A MILITARY OFFICER FROM PROSECUTION IN THE JESUIT MURDER CASE

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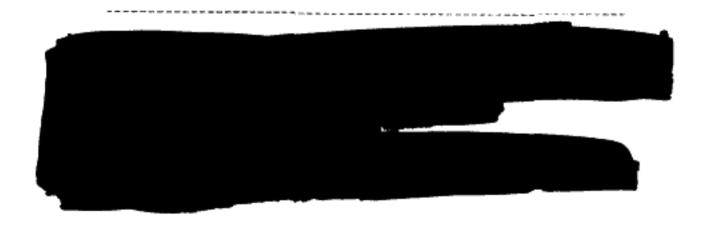
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ARMED FORCES (ESAF) CHIEF OF STAFF RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)) PROTECTED LT. COL. CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) FROM PROSECUTION IN THE JESUIT MURDER CASE. HERNANDEZ, OFFICER WHO ASSEMBLED ALL THE OFFICERS WHO ARE NOW UNDER ARREST IN COMMENT: THE SOURCE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT THE JESUIT CASE. WAS MEANT BY HERNANDEZ ASSEMBLING THE OFFICERS.) COMMENT: HERNANDEZ WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL AT THE TIME OF THE JESUIT MURDERS AND HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN NAMED IN ANY WAY IN THE CASE.) HERNANDEZ WAS TRANSFERRED TO BE DEPUTY CONMANDER OF THE BELLOS BATTALION IN EARLY MARCH 1990. HE IS A FAVORITE OF PONCE AND, IN A MUCH TALKED ABOUT RECENT SHUFFLING OF CLASS RANKINGS, JUMPED CONSIDERABLY TO BECOME NUMBER ONE IN HIS CLASS.) COMMENT: THE JESUIT MURDER CASE REFERS TO THE MURDERS OF SIX JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO LAY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE MURDERED ON THE NIGHT OF 16 NOVEMBER 1989 BY MILITARY TROOPS. IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHO ORDERED THE SOLDIERS TO COMMIT THE MURDERS AND AN INVESTIGATION IS STILL ENSUING.)

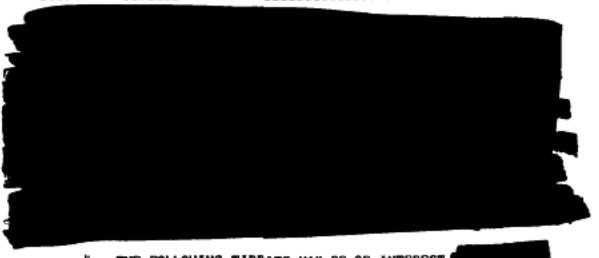
HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE PROMINENCE THAT COL. ROBERTO ((PINEDA))
GUERRA HAD OBTAINED THROUGH HIS CLOSE CONNECTIONS WITH SOME U.S.
OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS. HE SAID PINEDA KNEW THAT PONCE HAD
PROTECTED HERNANDEZ AND FEARED THAT PINEDA WOULD USE THIS INFO TO
HARM PONCE AND CLEAR HIS (PINEDA'S) WAY TO THE TOP.

COMMENT: COL. PINEDA WAS RECENTLY GIVEN COMMAND OF THE FOURTH
BRIGADE IN CHALATENANGO, AND IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT PINEDA IS VERY
AMBITIOUS AND OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OF THE CURRENT ESAF LEADERSHIP
("TANDONA"). HE WAS THE FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI),)

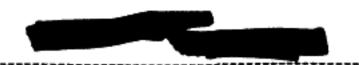
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- 4. THE FOLLOWING TIDBITS MAY BE OF INTEREST (
- WORK IN GOOD HEALTH, REPORTED THAT PONCE "LOOKS LIKE HELL,"
  AND CLEARLY SHOWS HIS RECENT TRAUMA.
- B. RESIGNATION OF SIU DIRECTOR MANUEL ANTONIO ((RIVAS)): RIVAS LEFT OUT OF FRUSTRATION. CHARGES BY THE JUSTICE MINISTER OF MISMANAGEMENT OF SIU FUNDS WERE THE LAST STRAW: HOWEVER THE ASSIGNMENT OF LT. COL JOSE EDUARDO ((ANGEL)) ORELLANA, AN EXCELLENT OFFICER, AS NEW COMMANDER OF THE BIRI ATLACATL, INDICATED THAT THE EMC IS INTENT ON TREATING THIS CONTROVERSIAL UNIT AS IF NO PROBLEMS EXISTED. RIVAS COMPLAINS THAT EFFORTS TO GET ESAF COOPERATION IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE JESUIT KILLING HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATED BY THE EMC.
- D. THE 1973 TANDA, WHICH INCLUDES LT. COL JUAN VICENTE ((EQUIZABAL)) FIGUEROA AND LT. COL CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)), ENJOYS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TANDONA (CAMILO IS A PONCE FAVORITE HE WAS JUST GIVEN A MERITORIOUS AWARD EVEN
  - E. D'AUBUISSON IS LOSING POWER WITHIN ARENA,

THOUGH AS DEPT COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY SCHOOL HE WAS SUSPECT

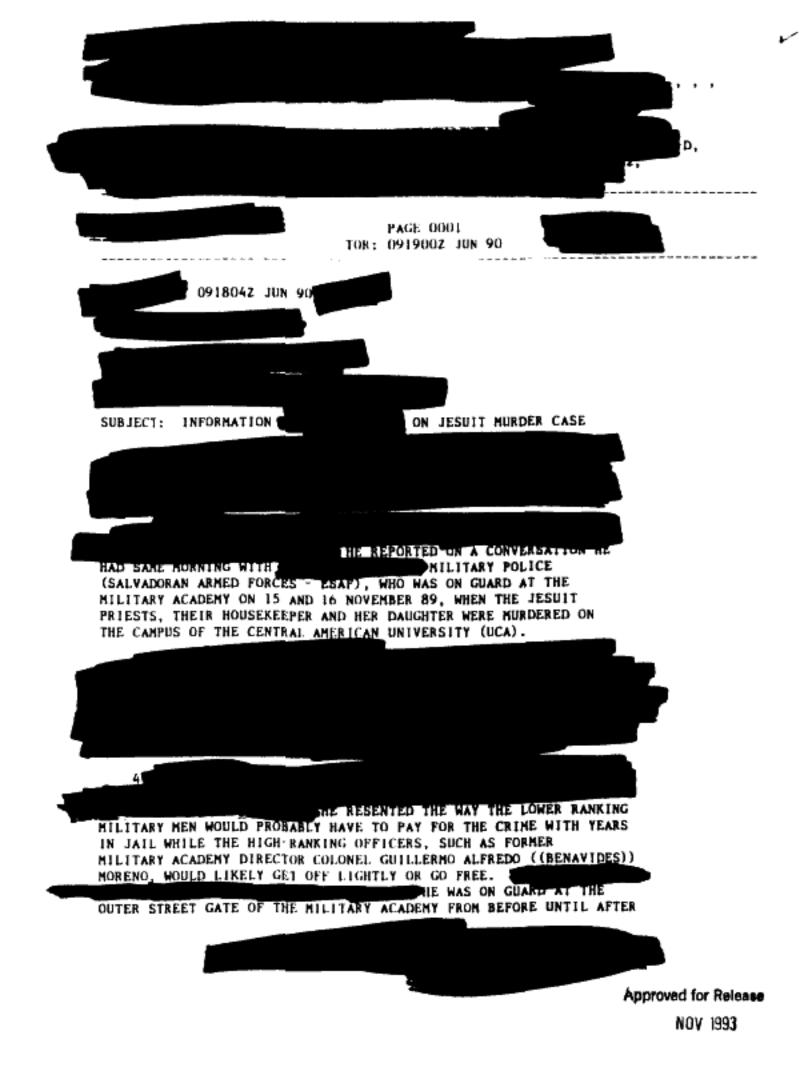
IN THE JESUIT CASE.)



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PICKING UF THE FORMER D'AUBUISSON SUPPORTERS, NOR IS COL (RET) OCHOA NOR SAN SALVADOR MAJOR CALDERON SOL. THE YOUNGER ARENA MILITANTS ARE INCREASINGLY INDEPENDENT, AND THEIR ALLEGIANCE UP FOR GRABS.

F. THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION,
DR. JOSE ARMANDO ((PENA)) ARQUETA, WHO WAS ASSASSINATED ON
4 JUNE WAS PREPARING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST TWO AIR FORCE
OFFICERS ACCUSED OF EXTORTION AND THEFT. ABOUT THREE DAYS
BEFORE HE WAS KILLED HE PRESENTED PRELIMINARY CHARGES.



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THE MURDERS ON EARLY MORNING OF 16 NOVEMBER 89. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION IN THE CRIME, ANSWERED THAT HE WAS NOT, BUT THAT HE VNEW HUCH ABOUT WHAT HAD OCCURRED THOSE TWO DAYS.

- LE WAS ON GUARD 5. DUTY FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT OF 15 NOVEMBER. AT ABOUT 7:00 PM ON 15 NOVEMBER, HE SAID. ATLACATE IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION (BIRI) 2ND LIEUTENANT GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) CERRITOS (WHO IS ONE OF THE OFFICERS UNDER DETENTION FOR THE MURDERS) ORDERED HIM AND ABOUT SEVEN OTHER MILITARY POLICE GUARDS TO COME WITH HIM. GUEVARA CERRITOS TOLD THE GROUP THEY WERE GOING TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACADEMY (CETIPOL) IN SANTA TECLA TO PICK UP SOME UNIFORMS. WE AND THE OTHERS WENT ALONG WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED AND RECEIVED ABOUT 15 BOXES OF BRAND NEW CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORMS FROM THE ACADEMY DIRECTOR COLONEL RIGORERTO ((SOTO)) SOTO CALLED OUT TO MARTINEZ. AS THEY DEPARTED. AND THE THE GROUP, "DON'T FAIL IN YOUR MISSION." OTHERS DID NOT KNOW TO WHAT HE REFERRED, BUT ASKED NO QUESTIONS.
- UPON RETURNING WITH THE UNIFORMS TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY, LT. GUEVARA CERRITOS PASSED OUT THE NEW UNIFORMS TO A GROUP OF BIRI ATLACATL TROOPS WHO WERE AT THE ACADEMY. THIS GROUP WAS CLUSTERED AROUND THE ACADEMY SOCCER FIELD, WHERE THEY PUT ON THE UNIFORMS AND THEN BEGAN TO SHEAR CAMOUFLAGE PAINT ON THEIR FACES, DON BLACK GLOVES AND CHECK THEIR WEAPONS. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE HILITARY ACADEMY, LT. COLONEL CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) HAD TAKEN CHARGE OF THE BIRL ATLACATE GROUP, ACCORDING. TO WHO SAID HE WAS STILL PRESENT AFTER HELPING PASS OUT THE UNIFORMS. SAID THAT HERNANDEZ WAS WALKING AMONG THE ATLACATL TROOPS AS THEY PREPARED THEMSELVES, HEARD. SAID HE NATURALLY OVER-SAID HE NATURALLY OVER-BEEN CHOSEN FOR THIS SPECIAL MISSION BECAUSE YOU ARE THE BRAVEST AND YOU WILL BE REWARDED."
- GUARD POST AND REMAINED THERE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF 15-16
  NOVEMBER: HE SAID HE LEARNED OF THE JESUIT MURDERS IN THE EARLY
  MORNING HOURS OF 16 NOVEMBER. AT ABOUT 0900
  COL. BENAVIDES, WHO HAD BEEN UP AND IN RADIO CONTACT WITH
  UNIDENTIFIED UNITS ALL NIGHT LONG AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY,
  GATHERED TOGETHER ALL THE MILITARY SCHOOL INSIDE GUARD PERSONNEL

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AS WELL AS THE MILITARY POLICE FROM OUTSIDE THE GATE.

COL. BENAVIDES ORDERED THE GROUP TO MAINTAIN TOTAL

SILENCE ABOUT THE MURDERS. HE INSISTED THAT NO ONE SAY ANYTHING

ABOUT ANYTHING TO ANYONE OR, "WE'RE ALL DEAD."

COL. BENAVIDES TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE OFFICIAL STORY TO

WHICH THEY WOULD ALL STICK ON THE KILLINGS WAS THAT INSURGEST

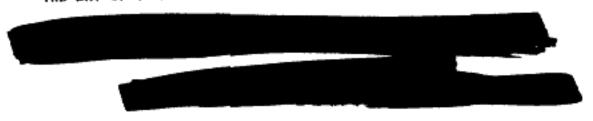
GUERRILLA FORCES HAD INFILTRATED THE UCA CAMPUS AND MURDERED

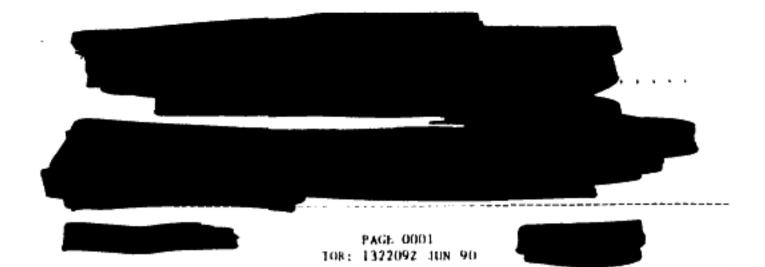
THE JESUITS AND TWO LAY WOMEN. BEYOND THIS, THEY WERE TO KEEP

THEIR MOUTHS SHUT.

- FROM SIU DID GATHER THE GROUP OF HILITARY POLICE TOGETHER AND QUESTIONED THEM TOGETHER ABOUT WHAT THEY KNEW OF THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS. ALL SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING AND HAD SEEN NOTHING. THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED WITH ANY OF THEM,

  AND HE HAD NOT SPOKEN OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENTS UNTIL NOW.
- IN ADDITION TO THESE SPECIFIC EVENTS. BECAUSE HE WAS ON DUTY THE WHOLE DAY AND NIGHT FROM 15-16 NOVEMBER, HE NOT ONLY REMEMBERS ALL THOSE WHO PASSED THROUGH THE GATES OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY, BUT ALSO KNOWS THAT THERE EXISTS A SEPARATE MILITARY POLICE LOG FROM THE ONE BURNED BY LT. YUSSHY RENE ((MENDOZA)) WITH ENTRIES OF ALL THE VEHICLES, LICENSE PLATES AND PERSONS WHO CAME AND WENT DURING THE MILITARY POLICE THOSE 24 HOURS. ALWAYS KEEP SUCH A RECORD IN THE GUARDHOUSE JUST OUTSIDE THE GATE TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY BUT NO ACADEMY OFFICERS EVER SEE IT AND IT IS SIGNED OFF ON BY ONLY LOW-RANKING HILITARY POLICE THIS LOG FOR THOSE TWO THEMSELVES. DAYS IS STILL AT THE GUARD POST. HE SAID THAT NO ONE EVER REQUESTED TO CHECK THIS LOG NOR EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE.
  - DURING THE DAY OF 15 NOVEMBER
    ALL OF THE HILITARY HIGH COMMAND, INCLUDING MINISTER OF DEFENSE,
    GENERAL RAFAEL HUMBERTO ((LARIOS)) LOPEZ; CHIEF OF THE JOINT
    GENERAL STAFF, COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)); THEN-MILITARY
    ACADEMY DIRECTOR, COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES))
    MORENO; THEN-ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY, LT. COLONEL
    CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)); MATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL,
    DIONISIO ISMAEL ((MACHUCA)); THEN-AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL,
    JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)); AND OTHERS ALL CAME AND WENT DURING
    THE DAY OF 15 NOVEMBER.





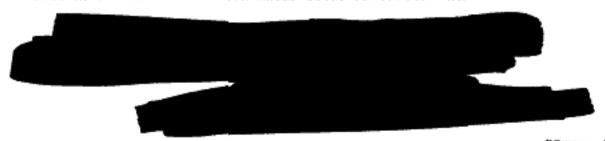
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2. DURING MEETING REPORTED
THAT HE HAD MET AGAIN WITH THE MILITARY FOLICE
WHO WAS ON GUARD AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY ON
15 AND 16 NOVEMBER 1989 WHEN THE JESUIT PRIESTS, THEIR HOUSE
KEEPER AND HER DAUGHTER WERE MURDERED ON THE CAMPUS OF THE CENTRAL
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA).
WANTS THE INFORMATION TO REACH INVESTI-

HOWEVER, HE IS AFRATO TO REVEAL THE INFORMATION
DIRECTLY TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (SIU) BECAUSE HE DOES
NOT TRUST ANY SALVADORAN ON THE SIU AND FEARS HE WOULD BE KILLED
TO QUASH THE FACTS AND PROTECT HIGH-RANKING SALVADORAN ARMED
FORCES (ESAF) OFFICERS HE CONTINUES TO TALK FREELY

BELIEVES CAN
PASS ALONG THE INFORMATION WHILE STILL PROTECTING HIM.



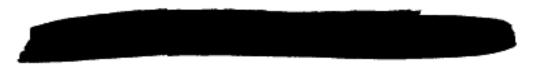
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4. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT WHAT HE OBSERVED AT THE HILITARY ACADEMY ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER 90. ABOUT THE GATHERING OF HIGH BANKING HILITARY OFFICERS AT THE SCHOOL ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 NOVEMBER, IE SPECIFICALLY REMEMBERS THAT THEY ALL BEGAN

TO ARRIVE AT ABOUT 2:00 P.M., BEGINNING WITH CHIEF OF THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF, COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)), WHO CAME IN WITH TWO JEEP CHEROKEES WITH POLARIZED WINDOWS. IN SHORT ORDER, OTHERS ARRIVED INCLUDING: THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER, GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)); THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE (PN), COLONEL DIONISIO ISMAEL ((MACHUCA)); FIRST BRIGADE COMMANDER, COLONEL FRANCISCO ((ELENA)) FUENTES; THEN-DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TREASURY POLICE, LIEUTENANT COLONEL HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)) HERNANDEZ, WHO ARRIVED WITH A CAPTAIN FNU COMMENT: PROBABLY THEN CEAT COMMANDER CAPTAIN JOSE ALFONSO ((CHAVEZ)) GARCIA); THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN), COLONEL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO)) SCHLENKER, WHO ARRIVED WITH THE S-II OF THE GN, MAJOR RICARDO ((ARANGO)) MACAY; THE COMMANDER OF THE ATLACATL IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALION (BIRI), LIEUTENANT COLONEL OSCAR ALBERTO ((LEON)) LINARES; THE THEN-DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DNI), COLONEL CARLOS MAURICIO ((GUZMAN)) AGUILAR, WHO ARRIVED THROUGH THE INNER GATE FROM DNI TO THE HILITARY ACADEMY WITH TWO (NFI) LIEUTENANTS; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY HOSPITAL (NF1). SOME OF THESE WERE ALSO MENTIONED REF AS PARTICIPATING IN THE 15 NOVEMBER 89 MEETING AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND SOME OF THE NAMES ARE NEW. \ HE CANNOT SAY WHEN THE MEETING ENDED OR WHEN THE PARTICIPANTS DEPARTED THE HILITARY ACADEMY, BECAUSE HE WAS OFF COMMENT: PERHAPS DUTY DURING PART OF THE AFTERNOON. THIS IMPRESSIVE RECALL OF INFORMATION IS EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THE MURDERS BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THE NEXT MORNING, AND THE VISITS BECAME SIGNIFICANT.

5. AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M. ON 15 NOVEMBER 89, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY, MAJOR CARLOS ((CAMILO)) HERNANDEZ BEGAN TO CALL INDIVIDUALS BY RADIO TO ORDER THEM TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY. HE SAID THAT CAMILO



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HERNANDEZ FIRST SPECIFICALLY BY NAME CALLED LIEUTENANT YUSSHI RENE ((MENDOZA)) VALLECILLOS AND LIEUTENANT GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) CERRITOS, WHO PROMPTLY PRESENTED THEMSELVES. CAMILO HERNANDEZ TOLD THE TWO THAT MILITARY ACADEMY DIRECTOR COLONEL GUILLERHO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) MORENO WANTED TO SPEAK WITH THEM. WHEN THEY CAME OUT FROM TALKING TO BENAVIDES, MENDOZA VALLECILLOS AND GUEVARA CERRITOS GATHERED THE TROOPS OF THE BIRI ATLACATL, WHO WERE ALREADY PRESENT ON THE MILITARY ACADEMY GROUNDS, AND BEGAN TO CALL OUT SEVERAL NAMES FROM EACH PLATOON, USING ONLY NICKNAMES.

- ORDERED AND THE OTHERS TO GO WITH HIM TO CETIPOL, THE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY IN SANTA TECLA, FOR THE UNIFORMS.

  THE UNIFORMS THEY PICKED UP WERE NEW, AMERICAN "LUXURY" HODELS, COMPLETE WITH "JUNGLE BOOTS".

  UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNIFORMS WERE BEING GIVEN AS PERKS TO THE BIRI ATLACATL INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION. DURING THE TIME THAT THESE SELECTED TROOPS WERE GETTING DRESSED IN THE NEW UNIFORMS AND PUTTING ON CAMOUFLAGE PAINT. ETC., CAMILO HERNANDEZ WAS CIRCULATING AMONG THEM AND REMEMBERS HEARING HIM TELL THE TROOPS, "YOU WILL HAVE ALL OF MY AND MY COLONEL'S (I.E., BENAVIDES') SUPPORT".
- THE SELECTED TROOPS, INCLUDING 7. 1 MENDOZA VALLECILLOS AND GUEVARA CERRITOS, DEPARTED THE MILITARY ACADEMY IN A BEIGE MILITARY PICKUP TRUCK SOMETIME BETWEEN 8:00 P.H. AND 9:00 P.H. WHEN THEY RETURNED, ABOUT 3:00 A.M. OR 4:00 A.M. 16 NOVEMBER, COLONEL BENAVIDES GREETED THE TRUCK AT THE GATE OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS ASKED FOR A CUP OF COFFEE, "WE JUST AND OVER THE COFFEE THE SOLDIER TOLD KILLED THE HEADS OF THE FILM. I THINK THE WAR WILL END NOW BECAUSE MY COLONEL SAID KILLING THEM WOULD END IT." THEN, ACCORDING TO F THE TROOP TOLD HIM THEY HAD ALL BEEN GIVEN SEVERAL DAYS OFF.
- 8. A DAY OR TWO LATER, ON 17 OR 18 NOVEMBER,
  HE WENT TO THE ON-SITE TAILOR'S SHOP AT THE MILITARY
  ACADERY WITH LT. VALLECILLOS TO GET THE TAILOR TO MEND ONE OF LT.
  VALLECILLOS' MILITARY BLOUSES. WHILE IN THE SHOP,
  LT. VALLECILLOS SAID TO THE TAILOR (AN OLD MAN WHO HAS
  WORKED FOR DECADES AT THE ACADEMY): "I SURE HOPE MY COLONEL
  WON'T TURN ME IN." HE ADDED THAT HE FELT BADLY ABOUT THE KILLING
  OF THE JESUITS AND HAD NOT WANTED TO DO IT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE ONE
  OF THE PRIESTS, IGNACIO MARTIN ((BARO)) HAD ONCE BEEN HIS PROFESSOR.
  BUT, HE ADDED, IT HAD BEEN A DIRECT ORDER, AND BESIDES, HE SAID THAT

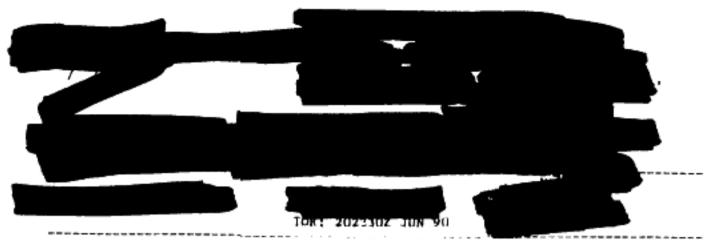
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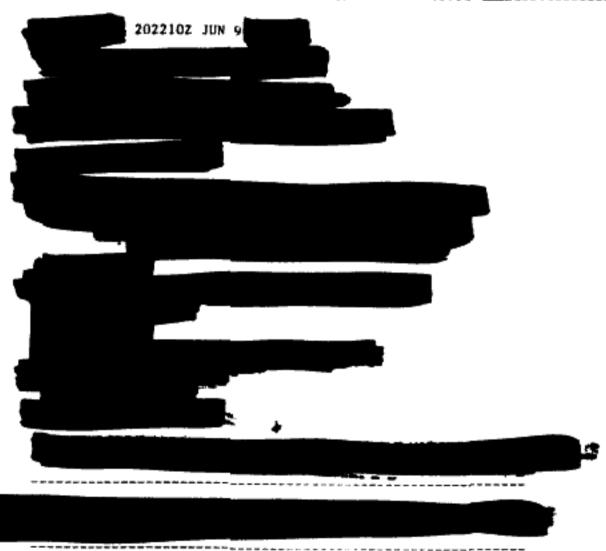
AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL BUSTILLO HAD OFFERED HIM PILOT TRAINING AS REWARD. COL. BENAVIDES AT SOME POINT WENT TO THE TAILOR AND WARNED HIM NOT TO TALK ABOUT ANYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE SEEN OR HEARD REGARDING THE JESUIT CASE.

HAD BEEN SENT TO THE UCA CAMPUS ON/ABOUT 13-14 NOVEMBER AND ORDERED BY COL. BENAVIDES TO CONDUCT A SCOUTING MISSION FOR POSSIBLE FMLN ARMS CACHES. DURING THIS MISSION, VALLECILLOS SPOKE WITH FR. BARO, APPARENTLY IN A FRIENDLY WAY. UPON HIS RETURN TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY, VALLECILLOS PRESENTED HIS REPORT TO COL. BENAVIDES AND ONLY REALIZED LATER, ON 15 NOVEMBER, THAT THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE SCOUTING MISSION HAD BEEN TO PREPARE FOR THE MISSION TO KILL THE JESUITS ON THE NIGHT OF 15 NOVEMBER.

10. ' HE SAID THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF THOSE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLINGS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVING WRITTEN DEATH THREATS; ID NOT SPECIFY WHOSE FAMILIES AND NO ONE APPARENTLY KNOWS FROM WHOM THE NOTES COME. ALSO SAID THE DETAINED BIRL ATLACATE MEMBERS ARE BEING HELD AT THE NATIONAL POLICE AND WELL-TREATED. EVEN TO THE POINT OF BEING REGULARLY TAKEN OUT FOR OUTINGS TO THE BEACH AND TO MEET WOMEN, SOME OF THEM TO SPEND NIGHTS IN THEIR OWN HOMES. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE FROM THE RUMOR MILL, AS ALLEGATIONS OF "SPECIAL" TREATMENT, INCLUDING BEACH OUTINGS, ARE WIDELY DIS-CUSSED HERE.) HE SAID THEY HAD BETTER ENJOY WHAT THEY HAVE NOW BECAUSE IT IS "COMMON KNOWLEDGE" THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ORDERED THAT THEY ALL BE CONDENNED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON. MEANWHILE, THEY ARE ALL BITTER BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT/U.S. EMBASSY ARE CONSPIRING WITH THE "TANDONA" TO ENSURE THAT THE OFFICERS IMPLICATED ALL WILL GO FREE. COMMENT: APPEARS TO BE MORE RUMOR MILL.

OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY BELIEVE THAT THE ACADEMY LOG BOOKS CONTAINING NAMES AND VEHICLES OF EMTRIES AND EXITS ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER WERE REALLY BURNED. HE AND THE OTHERS THINK THAT SOMEONE SUCH AS BENAVIDES IS HOLDING THE LOGBOOKS FOR THEIR PERSONAL DEFENSE AND THAT IF IT LOOKS LIKE THE INVESTIGATION WILL ACCUSE OR CONVICT THEM, THEY WILL PULL THEM OUT TO IMPLICATE THE REST OF THOSE WHO WERE REALLY INVOLVED.





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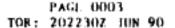
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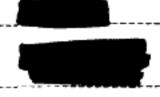
ON 15 NOVEMBER 1989 AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS, MILITARY SCHOOL DEPUTY COMMANDER CARLOS CAMILO ((HERNANDEZ)) ORDERED, BY RADIO, ATLACATL BATTALION LIEUTENANTS YUSSHY RENE ((MENDOZA)) AND GONZALO ((GUEVARA)) TO REPORT TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, MAJOR HERNANDEZ ADVISED THEM THAT MILITARY SCHOOL COMMANDER COLONEL GUILLERMO ((BENAVIDES)) WISHED TO SPEAK WITH THEM, AND THE TWO LIEUTENANTS WENT IMMEDIATELY TO BENAVIDES' OFFICE. AFTER THE MEETING WITH BENAVIDES, THE TWO LIEUTENANTS

ASSEMBLED THE ATLACATL BATTALION TROOPS PRESENT AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL AND BEGAN TO CALL OUT SEVERAL NAMES FROM EACH PLATOON,

## USING ONLY NICKNAMES.

- 3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS, LIEUTENANT GUEVARA ORDERED SEVERAL SOLDIERS ON DUTY AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY ACADEMY (CETIPOL) IN SANTA TECLA TO PICK UP SOME UNIFORMS. THE GROUP, LEAD BY LIEUTENANT GUEVARA, ARRIVED AT CETIPOL AND WAS MET BY CETIPOL DIRECTOR COLONEL RIGOBERTO ((SOTO)) MARTINEZ, WHO GAVE THE GROUP APPROXIMATELY 15 BOXES OF NEW CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORMS WITHOUT INSIGNIA OR PATCHES OF ANY KIND. THE GROUP RETURNED TO THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE NEW UNIFORMS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BIRI ATLACATL TROOPS SELECTED BY LIEUTENANTS MENDOZA AND GUEVARA. AS THE SOLDIERS DRESSED IN THE NEW UNIFORMS AND PUT ON CAMOUFLAGE PAINT, MAJOR HERNANDEZ CIRCULATED AMONG THE SOLDIERS OFFERING THEM ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.
- HOURS THE SELECTED GROUPS, ACCOMPANIED BY LIEUTENANTS GUEVARA AND HENDOZA, DEPARTED THE HILITARY SCHOOL IN A BEIGE HILITARY PICK-UP TRUCK. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, A SECOND BEIGE HILITARY PICK-UP TRUCK WITH SEVERAL SOLDIERS DEPARTED THE MILITARY SCHOOL AS WELL.
  - 5. AT APPROXIMATELY 0400 HOURS ON THE MORNING OF





16 NOVEMBER 1989 THE PICK-UP TRUCKS RETURNED TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL. COLONEL BENAVIDES MET THE TRUCKS AT THE FRONT GATE OF THE ACADEMY. AS THE TROOPS DISPERSED, ONE SOLDIER WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY THAT THE SOLDIERS HAD JUST KILLED "THE HEADS OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FHLN)." THE SOLDIER EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT, AS A RESULT OF THESE KILLINGS, THE WAR WOULD END SOON BECAUSE COLONEL BENAVIDES HAD SAID KILLING THE "FMLN HEADS" WOULD END 11.

6. ON 16 NOVEMBER 1989 AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS COLONEL BENAVIDES GATHERED ALL OF THE SOLDIERS WHO HAD BEEN ON GUARD DUTY AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL ON 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER. COLONEL BENAVIDES ORDERED THE GROUP TO MAINTAIN TOTAL SILENCE ABOUT THE MURDERS OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS AND TWO OTHERS. HE INFORMED THEM THAT THE OFFICIAL STORY THEY WOULD ALL ADHERE TO WAS THAT THE FMLM HAD INFILTRATED THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AMERICA CAMPUS AND MURDERED THE JESUITS AND TWO LAY PERSONS. COLONEL BENAVIDES

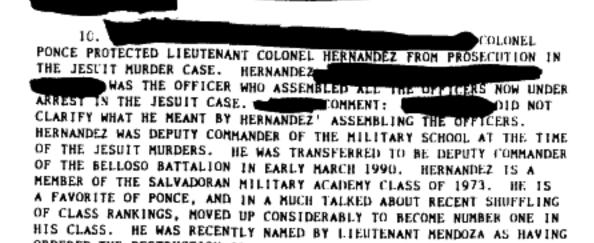
REITERATED THAT THE SOLDIERS WERE NOT TO SPEAK TO ANYONE ABOUT THE MURDERS OR "WE WILL ALL BE DEAD."

- 7. ON APPROXIMATELY 18 NOVEMBER 1989 LIEUTENANT MENDOZA PRIVATELY EXPRESSED REMORSE AT HAVING KILLED THE JESUIT PRIESTS AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT COLONEL BENAVIDES WOULD NOT "TURN US IN." LIEUTENANT MENDOZA SAID THAT HE HAD NOT WANTED TO KILL THE JESUIT PRIESTS BUT HAD RECEIVED A DIRECT ORDER TO DO SO. HE ADDED THAT THE KILLINGS WERE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR HIM BECAUSE ONE OF THE MURDERED PRIESTS, IGNACIO MARTIN ((BARO)), HAD BEEN HIS PROFESSOR AT ONE TIME. LIEUTENANT MENDOZA ALSO SAID THAT THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)) HAD OFFERED HIM PILOT TRAINING AS A REWARD FOR HIS (MENDOZA'S) PARTICIPATION IN THE KILLINGS.
- ON 15 NOVEMBER 1989 AT 1400
  HOURS SEVERAL HIGH RANKING OFFICERS HAD ARRIVED AT THE MILITARY
  SCHOOL. THESE OFFICERS INCLUDED CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF
  COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)); THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL
  BUSTILLO; THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, COLONEL DIONISIO
  ISMAEL ((MACHUCA)); FIRST BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL FRANCISCO
  ((ELENA)) FUENTES; THEN-DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURY POLICE, LIEUTENANT
  COLONEL HECTOR HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ)) HERNANDEZ; THE DIRECTOR OF
  THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN), COLONEL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO))
  SCHLENKER, WHO ARRIVED WITH GN INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MAJOR RICARDO
  ((ARANGO)) MACAY; THE COMMANDER OF THE ATLATACL BATTALION,
  LIEUTENANT COLONEL OSCAR ALBERTO ((LEON)) LINARES; THE THENDIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE, COLONEL CARLOS
  MAURICIO ((GUZMAN)) AGUILAR; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY



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HOSPITAL. COMMENT: THE SOLDIER DID NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THE MEETING AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY NOR DID HE KNOW WHAT WAS DISCUSSED THERE.) (COMMENT: ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED OFFICERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECTORS WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN ZONE DURING THE NOVEMBER 1989 FMLN OFFENSIVE. ADDITIONALLY, THE MILITARY ACADEMY SERVED AS A ZONAL COMMAND POST, UNDER THE COMMAND OF COLONEL BENAVIDES.)



ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF LOGS AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL USED TO

RECORD THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF VEHICLES THERE.)

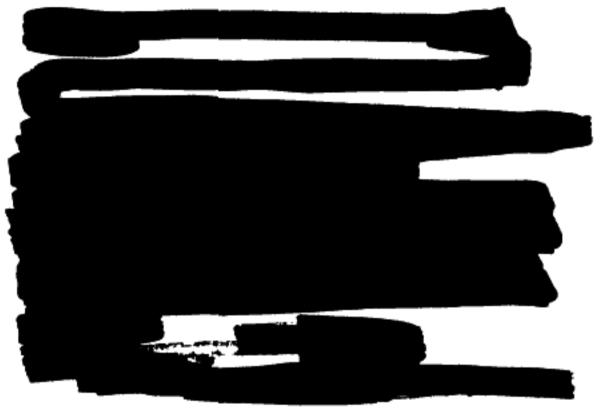
- 11. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: IF THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 2-4 IS ACCURATE, THEN WE HAVE TO REEXAMINE THE QUESTION OF WHERE, WHEN AND BY WHOM THE DECISION WAS MADE TO SEND ELEMENT OF ATLACATL INTO THE UCA CAMPUS. TO DATE, A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION AND INTERPRETATION HAS GONE INTO RECONSTRUCTING THE 11 NOVEMBER EVENING MEETING OF THE ESAF HIGH COMMAND, TO DETERMINE IF SOMETHING SAID OR MISINTERPRETED DURING THAT DISCUSSION WAS THE GENESIS OF THE JESUIT OPERATION. AVAILABLE INFORMATION HAS THE HIGH COMMAND MEETING AT THE ESTADO MAYOR BEGINNING AT 1900 HOURS AND ENDING SOME THREE AND A HALF HOURS LATER. THIS SOURCE'S SEQUENCE OF EVENTS HAS MAJOR HERNANDEZ ORDERING THE TWO LIEUTENANTS TO REPORT TO COLONEL BENAVIDES SOMETIME BETWEEN 1800 AND 1900 HOURS. THAT WOULD INDICATE A PRE-1800 HOURS DECISION, HENCE NOT ONE TAKEN AT THE HIGH COMMAND MEETING.
- 12. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THIS STORY AND OTHER VERSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THEIR ORIGINAL DECLARATIONS

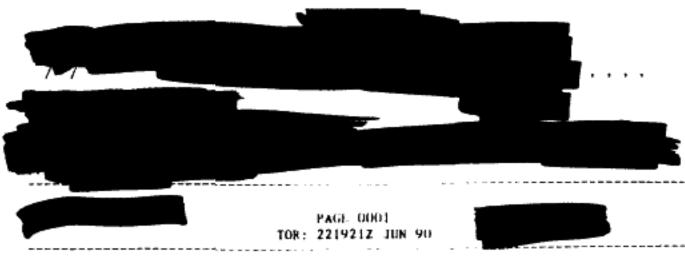


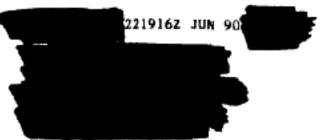
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THE THREE IMPLICATED LIEUTENANTS (ESPINOZA, MENDOZA AND CERTIOS) ALL TOLD OF RECEIVING THE ORDER FROM COLONEL BENAVIDES ON, OR ASOUT 2330 HOURS. ALTROUGH THE THREE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN DIS AVOWED IN THEIR OFFICIAL TESTIMONY, WE HAVE WORKED UNDER THE

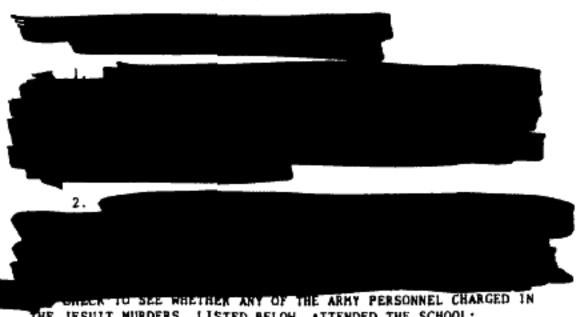
ASSUMPTION THAT THIS IS WHEN THE LIEUTENANTS WERE GIVEN THE COMMAND, NOT, AS THIS REPORT STATES, SOME FOUR-FIVE HOURS EARLIER.)







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THE JESUIT MURDERS, LISTED BELOW, ATTENDED THE SCHOOL:

COL. GUILLERMO ALFREDO BENAVIDES MORENO

LT. YUSHSY RENE MENDOZA VALLECIOS

LT. JOSE RICARDO ESPINOZA GUERRA

SUB. LT. GONZALO GUEVARRA CERRITOS

SUB. SCT. ANTONIO RAMIRO AVALOS VARGAS

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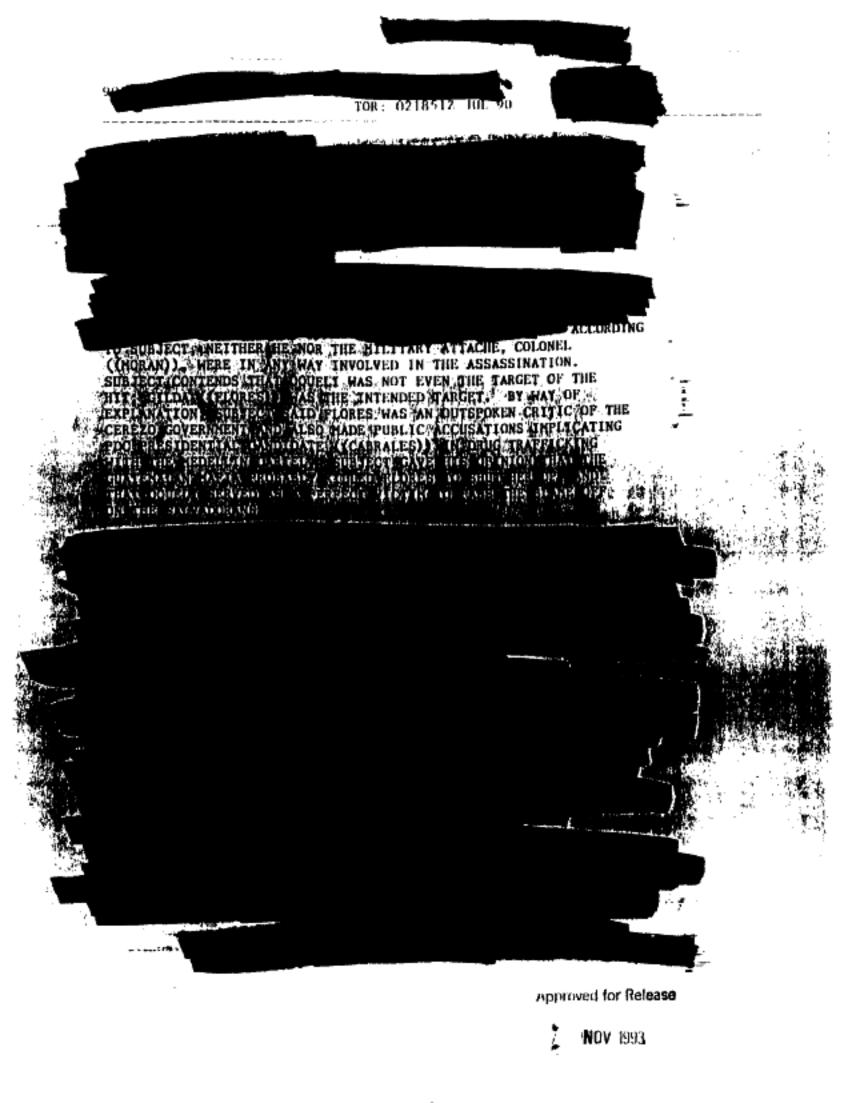
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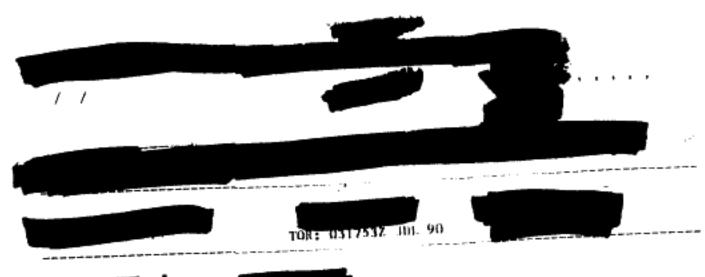
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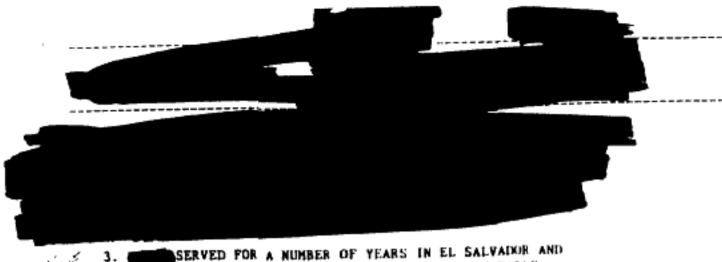
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REQUEST TRACES ON THE POLICYTING INDIVIDUAL:
NAME: FRANCISCO R. R. DE SOLA (SUBJECT)
NATIONALITY: SALVADOREAN, RESIDENT IN GUATEMALA
REGRETATISUFFICIENT BIO DATA (AVAILABLE.

RECEIVED THIS REQUEST FROM THE AMBASSADOR WHO RECEIVE A LELLER FROM SUBJECT WHO STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE KILLING OF HECTOR OQUELI COLINDRES, OF EL SELVADOR IS AND HILDA FLORES, A SCHATEMALAN ATTORNEY. FRANCISCO DE SOCIA SAID THAT THE DOUBLE CRINE AND DE SOLA, MENTIONED AS INPLICATED IN THE DOUBLE CRINE ALSO DE SOLA, MENTIONED AS AMBRASSADOR HAS SEQUESTED RESTENANCE ON EINDINGSOUT SOMETHING COLD TO THE SOLE OF THE SOLE

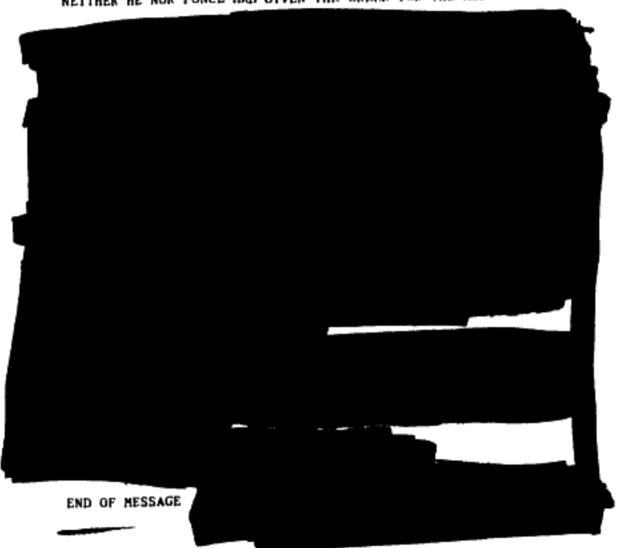
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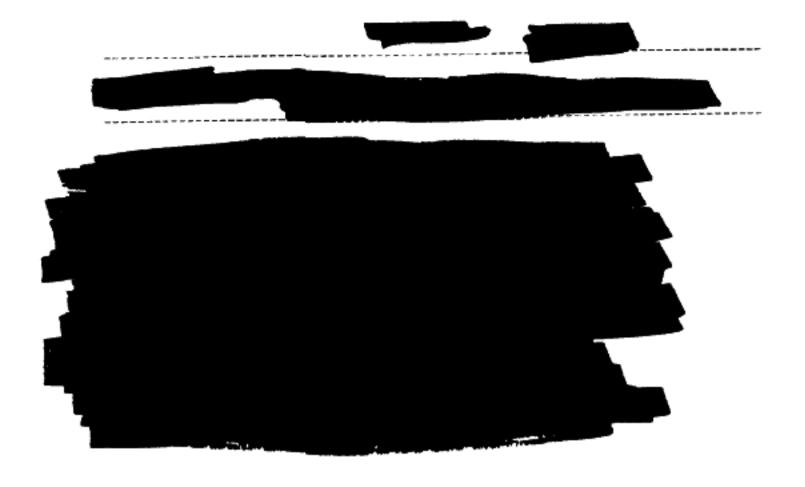
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SERVED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN EL SALVADOR AND MAINTAINS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SEMIOR OFFICERS. IN EARLY AUGUST 1990 HE VISITED SAN SALVADOR WHERE HE MET WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE LARIOS AND CHIEF OF STAFF PONCE. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WAS THE KILLING OF THE JESUITS LAST YEAR.

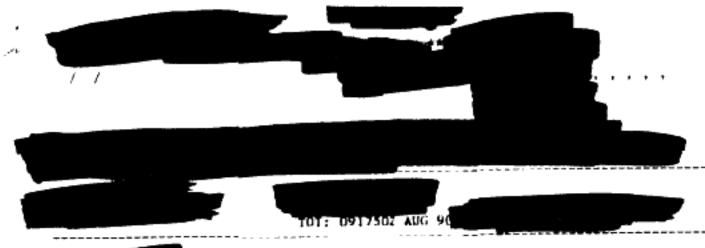
SAID THAT LARIOS TOLD HIM THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO KILLED THE PRIESTS, BUT BELIEVED IT WAS COLONEL BENAVIDES. LARIOS SAID THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE, HOWEVER. LARIOS DID SAY THAT NEITHER HE NOR PONCE HAD GIVEN THE ORDER FOR THE MURDERS.





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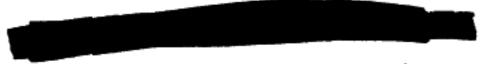
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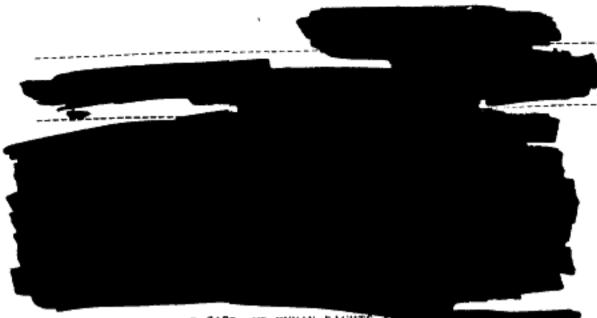


SUBJECT: TRACES ON FOUR KEY SALVADORAN HILITARY OFFICERS WHO WERE AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL. THE NIGHT OF THE JESUIT MURDERS

- FOLLOWING ARE HQS TRACES ON THE FOUR SALVADORAN
  OFFICERS WHOM LT COL CARLOS CAMILO HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY COMMANDER
  AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL, NAMED AS HAVING BEEN AT THE SCHOOL THE
  NIGHT OF THE JESUIT MURDERS:
- A. MAJOR ((VIDES)) LUCHA, ASSIGNED TO THE ARMED FORCES TRAINING CENTER; ONE CAPTAIN HERBERT OSWALDO ((VIDES)) LUCHA, DPOB 2 MARCH 1955, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE D-IV AT THE SIXTH INFANTRY BRIGADE IN 1987, WAS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 1987 RICC PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS COURSE IN GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA. VIDES WAS D-4 AT THE SIXTH INFANTRY BRIGADE.
- B. MAJOR ((CASTILLO)) GONZALEZ, ATTENDING THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS AT FT. BENNING, GA.: SUBJECT IS PROBABLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH MAJOR MIGUEL ((CASTILLO)) GONZALEZ, DPOB 14 JANUARY 1956, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, WHO IS AT THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAS AND WHO IS REGISTERED IN THE INTERAGENCY SOURCE REGISTER.

C. THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIABLE HOS TRACES ON CAPT JULIO ((GARCIA)) OLIVA, REPORTED TO BE AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL, AND

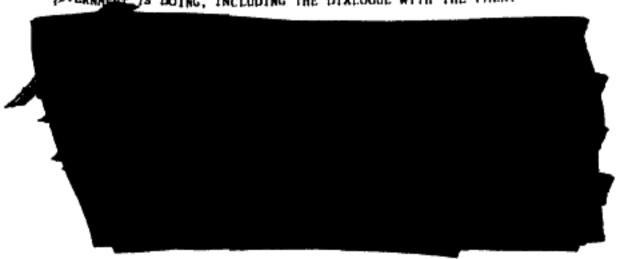




CONCERN AMONG THE OFFICER CORPS CONCERNING THE JESUIT CASE.
HAD INCREASED SHARPLY OVER THE PAST WEEK DUE TO TWO EVENTS:

A. AN ANTI-CRIPDES (ANTI FMLN) RELIGIOUS GROUP HELD A SEMINAR ON 23 JULY AT THE HOTEL PRESIDENTI. WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 100 OFFICERS;

B. ON 25 JULY A U.S. PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERT FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. PRESENTED A TALK AT THE ESTAIN MAYOR CONFERENCE HALL, WHICH DREW AN OVERFLOW CROWD OF OFFICERS (THOUGH NONE FROM THE HIGH COMMAND). IN BOTH CASES THE MESSAGE WAS THE SAME: UNTIL ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JESUIT KILLINGS ARE IDENTIFIED AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE NONE OF EL SALVADOR'S FRIENDS CAN PREVENT A CUT OFF BY CONGRESS OF WILLTARY AID. THIS CASE OVERSHADOWS ALL THE GOOD THINGS THE COVERNMENT JS DOING, INCLUDING THE DIALOGUE WITH THE FMLN.



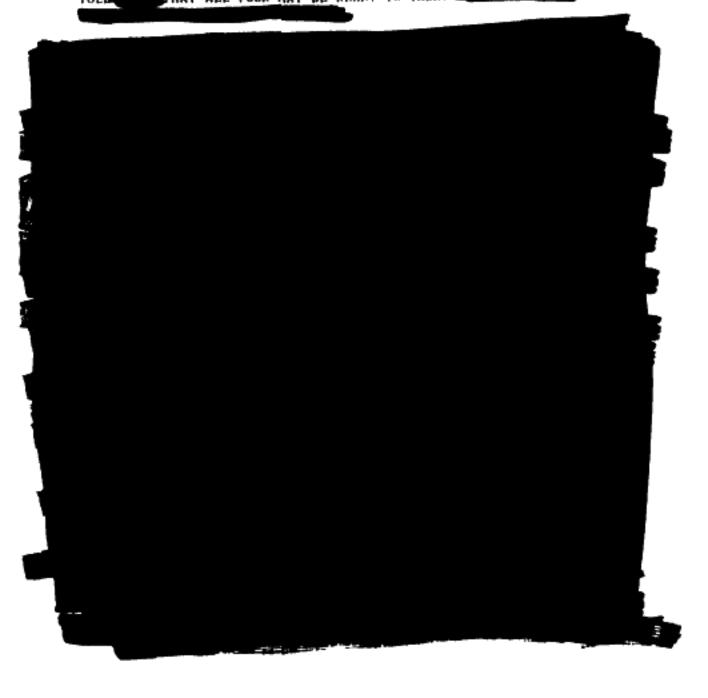
ESUIT CASE: THE FOUR OFFICERS IDENTIFIED BY LT. COLONEL 'ANDEZ AS BEING KEY OFFICERS AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL THE T. JESUIT MURDERS OFFER A NEW LINE OF INVESTIGATION.

THE OFFICERS ARE: MAJOR VIDES LUCHA, WHO WAS THE CADET COMMANDER AND NOW ASSIGNED TO THE CEFA (ARMED FORCES TRAINING CENTER); MAJOR CASTILLO GONZALEZ, NOW AT THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS AT FT. BENNING; CAPTAIN JULIO GARCIA OLIVA, STILL AT THE MILITARY SCHOOL; AND CAPTAIN FUENTE RODAS, NOW AT THE DM IV.

FUENTE RODAS WANTS TO RESIGN HIS COMMISSION, AND HAY BE THE WEAK LINK.

RE-CALLED BY JUDGE ZAMORA AND ASKED TO GIVE NEW STATEMENTS.
THUS GIVEN THE CHANCE TO CHANGE OR ADD TO THEIR ORIGINAL STATEMENTS. GENERAL VILLAMARIONA, COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE, TOLD.

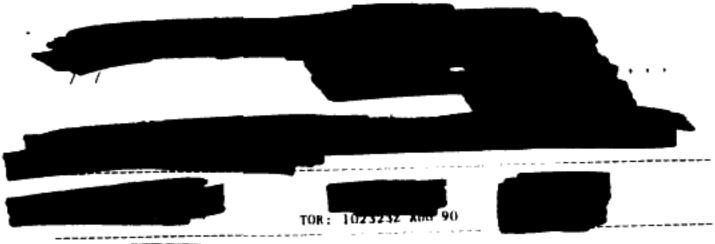
JHAT ALL FOUR MAY BE READY TO TALK.

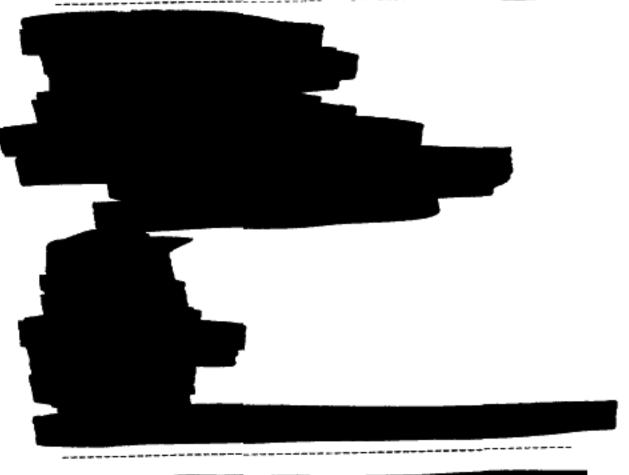




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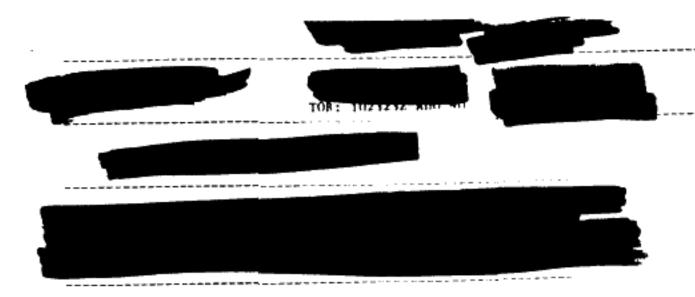
COUNTRY: EL SALVADOR

SUBJ: DISCUSSION AMONG SUPPORTERS OF ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON

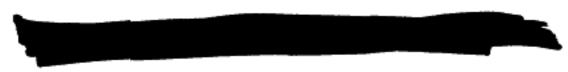
OF PLANS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT CRISTIANI AND OTHER

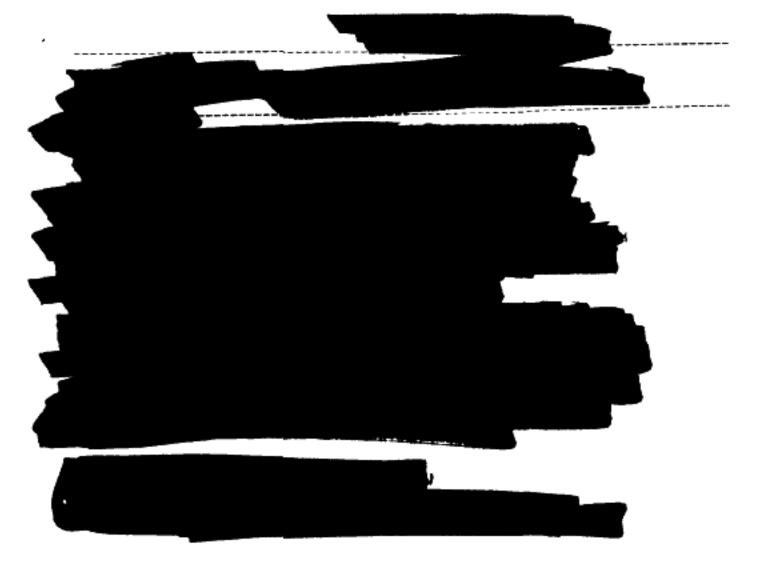
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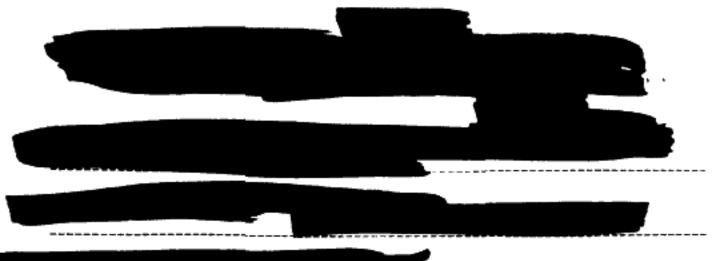
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- TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY AUGUST 1990 NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) PARTY MEMBERS CLOSE TO ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)) WERE DISCUSSING WAYS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)), HIS CLOSEST PERSONAL ADVISORS AND SELECTED CABINET MINISTERS. ONE POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED WAS ASSASSINATING CRISTIANI AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES AT A SOCIAL EVENT. ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, CRISTIANI, HIS ADVISORS AND SELECTED CABINET MEMBERS WOULD BE INVITED TO AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT WHICH WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS. DURING THE COURSE OF THE EVENT, THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS WOULD KILL THEIR INTENDED TARGETS AND ESCAPE.
- 2. A SECOND POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED INVOLVED KILLING CRISTIAN! AND HIS ASSOCIATES DURING A FARABUNDO MART! NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) OFFENSIVE. THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS BELIEVE THAT, SHOULD ANOTHER FMLN OFFENSIVE OCCUR, IT WOULD BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSASSINATE CRISTIAN! AND HIS ADVISORS. ACCORDING TO THIS PLAN, D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS COULD ASSASSINATE THEIR INTENDED TARGETS USING THE CONFUSION OF AN FMLN OFFENSIVE AS CONCEALMENT OF THE ACT. THE ASSASSINATIONS WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE BLAMED ON THE FMLN. THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS COMPARED THIS PLAN TO THE ALLEGED MILITARY KILLING OF THE JESUIT PRIESTS ON 15 NOVEMBER 1989, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE D'AUBUISSON LOYALISTS ARE CONFIDENT THEIR INVOLVEMENT WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED.
- D'AUBUISSON IS FRUSTRATED OVER HIS INABILITY TO PENETRATE THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES DUE TO THE VIRTUAL BLOCKADE PRESENTED BY CRISTIANI'S "INNER CIRCLE." D'AUBUISSON'S LOYALISTS WITHIN ARENA ARE PROBABLY REACTING TO D'AUBUISSON'S OUTWARD HANI-FESTATION OF THIS FRUSTRATION AND HAVE BEGUN TO DISCUSS MEANS BY WHICH THEY CAN ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF D'AUBUISSON'S PROBLEMS, I.E., CRISTIANI, HIS ADVISORS, AND SELECTED CABINET MINISTERS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT IN HIND THAT HANY OF D'AUBUISSON'S LOYALISTS ARE POLITICALLY UNSOPHISTICATED AND QUICK TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE TO REMEDY THEIR PROBLEMS, WHICH MAKES THEM ALL THE HORE DANGEROUS.)









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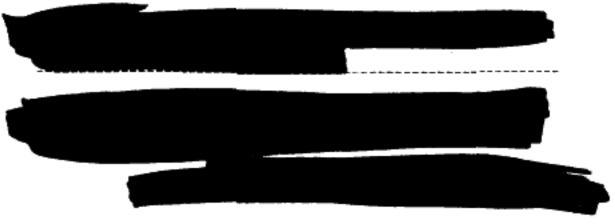
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SUBJ: DISSATISFACTION IN THE OFFICER CORPS OVER THE FAILURE

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REMOVE CORRUPT AND INCOMPETENT SENIOR OFFICERS

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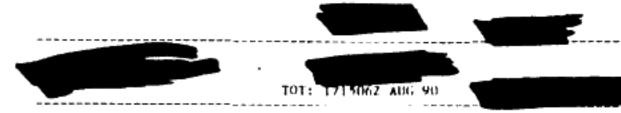


NUMBER OF OFFICERS ARE UNHAPPY WITH CRIEF OF STAFF COLONEL RENE EMILIO ((PONCE)) BECAUSE OF HIS FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE CASE OF THE NOVEMBER 1989 MURDERS OF JESUIT PRIESTS, AND TO REMOVE CORRUPT AND INCOMPETENT OFFICERS FROM SENIOR ARMY POSTS.

- THE DISSATISFIED SEGMENTS OF
  THE ARMY INCLUDE A GROUP OF CAPTAINS (THE SAME GROUP WHO PRESENTED A
  LIST OF COMPLAINTS TO PONCE IN LATE 1989), A GROUP OF MAJORS AND
  LIEUTENANTS WHO SHARE THEIR GOALS, AND A NUMBER OF LIEUTENANT
  COLONELS FROM THE 1970 AND 1971 TANDAS.

  TANDA IS A MILITARY ACADEMY GRADUATION CLASS.) THE SENIOR OFFICER
  SAID THAT AMONG THE LIEUTENANT COLONELS ARE THE COMMANDERS OF ALL THE
  IMMEDIATE REACTION BATTALIONS, AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF MANY
  BRIGADES. THESE OFFICERS PLAN TO REMOVE PONCE AS DEFENSE MINISTER IF
  HE DOES NOT TAKE CLEAR AND DECISIVE STEPS TO RESOLVE THE JESUIT
  KILLINGS AND REMOVE THE CORRUPT SENIOR OFFICERS.

  COMMENT: IT
  IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT PONCE WILL BE NAMED MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON 31
  AUGUST.)
- THESE OFFICERS BELIEVE COLONEL GUILLERMO ALFREDO ((BENAVIDES)) ACTED ON ORDERS FROM THE HIGH COMMAND WHEN HE KILLED THE JESUITS. ALTHOUGH NO CONCRETE INFORMATION ON SUCH INVOLVEMENT HAS YET EMERGED, THEY CLAIM THAT MANY OFFICERS ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE HIGH COMMAND'S INVOLVEMENT AND ARE BEGINNING TO TALK, NOT ONLY TO FELLOW OFFICERS BUT TO OTHERS OUTSIDE THE ARMED FORCES.
- THE JESUITS CLAIM TO HAVE
  "PROOF" THAT BENAVIDES ACTED ON ORDERS AND THAT THEY WILL MAKE THIS
  INFORMATION PUBLIC IF THE HIGH COMMAND DOES NOT. IN ADDITION, MANY
  AIR FORCE OFFICERS HAVE DISCUSSED A MEETING AT THE AIR FORCE ON THE
  EVENING OF 15 NOVEMBER 1989 (FOLLOWING THE COMMANDERS MEETING AT THE
  ESTADO MAYOR) AT WHICH THEN AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL JUAN
  ((BUSTILLO)) REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO KILL
  THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT
  (FMLN), SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING IGNACIO ((ELLACURIA)), "WHETHER OR
  NOT IT IS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT. "COMMENT: THERE HAVE
  BEEN RUMORS THAT BUSTILLO MENTIONED THE NEED/DESIREABILITY OF KILLING
  THE JESUITS AT A MEETING AT THE AIR FORCE ON THE NIGHT OF 15
  NOVEMBER, BUT NO AIR FORCE OFFICER TO DATE HAS ADMITTED THIS.)
- 5. SWHEN ARMY INVOLVENENT IN THE CASE BECAME KNOWN AS A RESULT OF STATEMENTS BY



COLCNEL CARLOS ((AVILES)), PONCE ANGRILY COMMENTED AT A COMMANDER'S MEETING THAT "AVILES IS A TRAITOR." AT A SEPARATE COMMANDER'S MEETING IN DECEMBER, PONCE COMMENTED THAT "NONE OF US WOULD BE HERE IF: HAD NOT MADE HARD DECISIONS." COMMENT: THIS LATTER REMARK DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE JESUIT MURDERS AT THE TIME, ALTHOUGH IN RETROSPECT MANY OFFICERS NOW BELIEVE THAT PONCE WAS REFERRING TO THE JESUIT KILLINGS.)

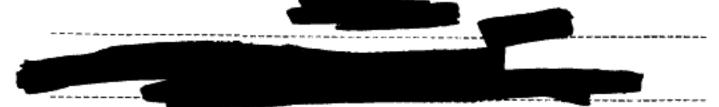
- 6. SEPARATELY MANY OFFICERS ARE SAYING THAT THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON THE JESUIT MURDERS IS ACCURATE. PRESIDENT ALFREDO ((CRISTIANI)) COMMENTED THAT THE REPORT CONTAINED ONLY ALLEGATIONS, AND THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WOULD EVENTUALLY UNCOVER THE TRUTH. A RELATIVE OF COLONEL BENAVIDES STATED THAT BENAVIDES IS READY TO NAME PONCE AS THE AUTHORITY WHO ORDERED THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS. A SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD (BY A SOURCE HE REPUSED TO IDENTIFY) THAT BENAVIDES IS READY TO NAME PONCE AS THE AUTHOR OF THE MURDERS.
- 7.

  FATHER-IN-LAW OF AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL RAFAEL.

  ((VILLAMARIONA'S)) DAUGHTER STATED THAT THE ORDERS TO KILL THE
  JESUITS CAME FROM AN AMERICAN ADVISOR AND THAT BENAVIDES WAS SET UP
  TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR THE MURDERS.

  COMMENT: THIS ALLEGATION
  HAS NO CREDIBILITY, BUT SHOWS HOW DESPERATE THE HIGH COMMAND HAS
  BECOME AND TO WHAT LENGTHS SOME ARE WILLING TO GO TO PROTECT THE
  PERPETRATORS OF THE CRIME.)
- COMMENT: BENAVIDES' PURPORTED WILLINGNESS TO IDENTIFY PONCE COULD WELL BE A RED HERRING, OR AN INDICATION OF A DESPERATE BENAVIDES WHO MAY FINALLY REALIZE THAT THE "TANDONA" (MILITARY ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966, OF WHICH BENAVIDES AND PONCE ARE MEMBERS) WILL NOT SAVE HIM. OBVIOUSLY, IF HE TESTIFIES THAT PONCE ORDERED THE MURDERS OF THE JESUITS, THE CASE WILL TAKE ON AN ENTIRELY NEW DIMENSION. FOR THE MOMENT, SUCH TESTIMONY BY BENAVIDES IS UNLIKELY. NOTWITHSTANDING THE INFORMATION ABOVE, THERE IS NO CONCRETE PROOF THAT ANYONE IN THE HIGH COMMAND GAVE THE ORDER WHICH RESULTED IN THE HURDER OF THE JESUITS. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT MANY IN THE ARMED FORCES, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, DISLIKE THE TANDONA AND HAVE A STAKE IN SEEING ITS POWER IN THE UPPER ECHELONS OF THE MILITARY BROKEN.)
- 9. THE OFFICERS SAY THAT PONCE MUST ALSO REMOVE CORRUPT OFFICERS AS HE PROMISED TO DO BEFORE DECEMBER 1989. THE OFFICERS PRESENTED HIM WITH A LIST OF IMPLICATED OFFICERS WHO WERE MAINLY MEMBERS OF THE "TANDONA." ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE MOST EGREGIOUS OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, THE REMAINING





OFFICERS WHO MUST BE REMOVED INCLUDE:

- A. SECOND BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL JOSE HUMBERTO ((GOMEZ));
- B. FIFTH BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL JOSE EMILIO ((CHAVEZ))
  CACERES:
- C. SIXTH BRIGADE COMMANDER COLONEL HECTOR HERIBERTO ((HERNANDEZ));
- D. MILITARY DETACHMENT FIVE COMMANDER COLONEL ORLANDO ((CARRANZA));
- E. NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER COLONEL JUAN CARLOS ((CARRILLO)) SCHLENKER;
  - F. TREASURY POLICE COMMANDER COLONEL CIRO ((LOPEZ)) ROQUE;
- G. NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER COLONEL DIONISIO ISHAEL ((MACHUCA));
- H. VICE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SECURITY COLONEL INOCENTE ORLANDO ((MONTANO)).

IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY HE WAS INCLUDED ON THE LIST OF SENIOR OFFICERS WHO MUST GO.

- THE DISGRUNTLED OFFICERS
  HAVE DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THE PUBLICATION OF THE 31 AUGUST GENERAL
  ORDER BEFORE APPROACHING PONCE DIRECTLY. MANY ARE REPORTEDLY ARGUING
  THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE UNTIL AFTER THE U.S. CONGRESS RECONVENES
  AND DECIDES THE MATTER OF U.S. HILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EL SALVADOR.
- 11. (AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: I HAVE HEARD, DISCUSSED AND REPORTED ON MUCH THE SAME EXPRESSION OF RESENTMENT AND CALLS FOR CHANGE FROM OFFICERS BELOW THE TANDONA. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT, TO DATE, NO ONE HAS COME FORWARD WITH "CONCRETE PROOF THAT ANYONE IN THE HIGH COMMAND" ORDERED THE KILLINGS, MUCH OF THE DEMAND FOR PERSONNEL CHANGE IS BASED, NOT ON PROVEN CULPABILITY IN THE KILLINGS, BUT ON GROSS INCOMPETENCE IN MANAGING THE ARMED FORCES' RESPONSE TO THE JESUIT CRISIS. MANY OFFICERS BELIEVE AND ARE BEGINNING TO SAY THAT THE PRESENT HIGH COMMAND, INCLUDING PONCE, IS GUILTY OF BRINGING THE INSTITUTION INTO DISREPUTE AND HUMILIATION BY ITS INEPT AND DANGEROUS